

SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

February 18, 1959

Director, FBI (61-9152)

KARL PRUSSIAN
Former SF 1740-S

Re
Reurairtel 2-10-59 advising that Prussian requested permission to refresh his recollection by reviewing his informant reports and you properly informed him that such was not possible due to the confidential nature of these documents.

For the information of Los Angeles, where Prussian is scheduled to appear in Executive Session before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on 2-23-59, former informant Prussian has been advised by San Francisco in accordance with Section 107 Q of the Manual of Instructions to be certain to stick to the truth if he testifies and make certain he can back up what he says. In the event Los Angeles requires additional background data on Prussian, such data should be furnished by San Francisco.

Since Prussian is scheduled to meet with the HCUA in Executive Session and he has indicated he is desirous of publicizing his Communist Party (CP) activity, both offices should remain alert and keep the Bureau advised of any current developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)
RE KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF ONE SEVEN FOUR NAUGHT S.
WILLIAM A. WHEELER, WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE, HCUA, LOS
ANGELES, TODAY ADVISED PRUSSIAN WILL APPEAR BEFORE EXECUTIVE
SESSION, HCUA, STATLER-HILTON, TWO P.M. HE STATED PRUSSIAN,
ACTIVE CP MEMBER SAN FRANCISCO, HAS CONSENTED TO APPEAR ON
TOM DUGGAN TELEVISION SHOW ON KCOP, CHANNEL THIRTEEN, TEN
P.M. THIS DATE. PRUSSIAN WILL APPEAR COMPLETELY DISGUISED EITHER
WEARING HOOD OR SITTING IN DEEP SHADOW AND WILL REPRESENT SELF
AS CURRENT MEMBER SCDP. QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED HIM WILL BE
LARGELY PREPARED BY WHEELER. LOS ANGELES WILL TAPE INTERVIEW.
PRUSSIAN CONTACTED BY SA JOHN S. TEMPLE THIS DATE AND ADVISED
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN GENERALITIES RATHER THAN SPECIFICS. HE
WAS TOLD TO STICK TO TRUTH AND NOT REVEAL HIS PAST RELATIONSHIP
WITH THIS BUREAU. HE STATED THAT IF ASKED HE WOULD IMPLY HE
WAS WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCY, NAMELY HCUA. FOR INFO
BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, DUGGAN IS POPULAR CONTROVERSIAL TV

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PERSONALITY IN LOS ANGELES. HE INTERVIEWED HCUA CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER ON FEB. TWENTYFIFTH LAST AND CONGRESSMAN DONALD L. JACKSON DURING LATTER PART OF OCT. NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. HIS PROGRAM IN BOTH INSTANCES WELL-RECEIVED LOCALLY. LOS ANGELES WILL FOLLOW AND PROMPTLY REPORT PERTINENT DETAILS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)
KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740-S, BUREAU FILE 61-9152
SAN FRANCISCO FILE 134-7. PRUSSIAN APPEARED AS A
DISGUISED GUEST ON THE TOM DUGGAN TV SHOW, KCOP,
CHANNEL 13, 2/26/59, 10:00 P. M. PRUSSIAN, WHO WORE
A FACE MASK AND FELT HAT, DESCRIBED SELF AS AN ACTIVE
CP MEMBER IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH NO MENTION OF
CP DISTRICT. PRUSSIAN STATED APPROXIMATELY 2,000
CP MEMBERS IN CALIFORNIA NOTING THERE ARE FOUR TO
FIVE TIMES AS MANY INDIVIDUAL COMMUNISTS WHO ARE NOT
CONNECTED TO A CLUB OR SECTION BUT WHO DO CP WORK
AT OWN DISCRETION AND JUDGMENT. HE ELABORATED ON
CURRENT CP. PROGRAM OF INFILTRATING MASS ORGANIZATIONS

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INCLUDING PTA, EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, CHURCH LABOR GROUPS
IN EVERY ^{PHASE} ~~FAZE~~ OF AMERICAN LIFE. HE SAID CP GREATER
THREAT TODAY THAN AT ANY TIME IN ITS HISTORY BECAUSE OF
REMAINING CP HARD CORE, INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN COMMUNISTS
AND COMPLACENCY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE ADVISED HE IS
FURNISHING CURRENT INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
AND WAS PRAISEWORTHY OF FBI AND HCUA STATING THEIR HANDS
SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY AMERICAN PUBLIC. HE SAID FBI AND
HCUA WERE SUBJECT TO CONTINUAL SMEARS AND ATTACKS BY
COMMUNISTS AND LEFT WINGED LIBERALS. HIS REMARKS APPEARED
TO BE FACTUAL. HE EXPLAINED HE APPEARED IN DISGUISE
SINCE CP NOT AWARE OF HIS COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES. HE STATED HE WOULD TESTIFY OPENLY IN SEVERAL
MONTHS. A RECORDING WAS MADE OF ENTIRE BROADCAST AND UPON
BEING TRANSCRIBED COPIES WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU AND
SAN FRANCISCO.

Interview By TOM DUGGAN of "MISTER X"
On The Tom Duggan Show of
February 26, 1959 over KCOP-TV (Channel 13)

Good evening folks. My name is TOM DUGGAN. I think we have an interesting program for you tonight. We have "Mister X," an active, card-carrying, dues-paying Communist of the Communist Party (CP) of California, on the program this evening.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is an active member of the CP of California. Is that right, sir?

A. That is correct.

Q. We'll have to call you Mister X, I guess.

A. That's right.

Q. You, however, report to the Government of your Communist activities and the activities of people you observed inside the CP?

A. That is correct.

Q. Are you working for the Government? Are you a Government employee?

A. My work for the Government is voluntary; there is no remuneration.

Q. How long have you been a member of the CP?

A. For many years and I would rather not reveal the number of years.

Q. Did you join for the reason of exposing it or did you believe, when you joined, in Communists?

A. I believed in the CP when I joined it.

Q. How did you happen to join? Why did you join?

A. I joined the CP because the CP at that time appealed to me on certain problems that I had, and it was the only organization that I could find that could help alleviate the economic and social stress that I was under at the time, and it was for that reason that I joined the CP and became very active with them.

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Q. You knew, of course, when you did join it that they advocated the violent overthrow of our form of Government?

A. No, I did not.

Q. When did you find that out?

A. After being in the Party for several years.

Q. How come you didn't know that at the time? I thought that was common knowledge.

A. The general method of obtaining members into the CP is one of appealing to people on their local economic and social issues -- they may be minor issues; they may be major issues -- but they are led to believe that the purpose of the CP is to improve the conditions of the working people especially. In that manner, they win the respect of people and gain their following that way. You find that most Communists originally will join on a certain issue on which they are vitally interested in, and it is not until thereafter that they are in the Party for a while that they actually know what the Party is and what it stands for.

Q. Have you performed any acts of violence on behalf of the CP against your own country?

A. I have performed or instigated and have been responsible for acts of violence which I feel were against the interests of our country, yes.

Q. Was this in labor disputes or in what sort of a manner did this happen?

A. I would rather not discuss that because it would tend to reveal my identity.

Q. Your identity will be revealed some time this year, will it not?

A. Yes, it will.

Q. And in what manner will it be revealed?

A. I am to testify for the Committee on Un-American Activities and other governmental agencies.

Q. And you are to testify as to the machinations of the CP of California?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And, of course, with the overtones of any connection with the Russian Government?
- A. That will be involved too, yes.
- Q. Are there actual Russian conspirators working with the CP of California -- undercover agents, spies?
- A. The answer to that unquestionably is yes, and I would not like to discuss that at this time.
- Q. You wouldn't say whether you are in contact with any of them?
- A. That is correct.
- Q. But, they are here in California.
- A. At this time, I couldn't answer that question.
- Q. Mister X, can you give us an idea as to how many Communists there are in the State of California?
- A. I would say off-hand about 2,000.
- Q. Is this on all levels of our society?
- A. I would say that the 2,000 members of the CP in California are members who attend Party meetings, that is, they belong to clubs; they are people who work in an organized manner. However, there are many more than 2,000 members throughout the State of California -- I would say four times or five times as many -- who are what they call individual Communists who are using their knowledge of Communist methods and techniques, Communist strategy, who work strictly on their own, and they figure their own methods of operation within many organizations which they try to get to work for the best interests of the CP and the Soviet Union.
- Q. At the time of the Korean War, did the Russian Government or the CP send men underground to act as individual Communists in the event of hostilities between this country and the Soviet Union?
- A. There was a general condition, yes.

Q. What's the purpose of sending them underground?
to penetrate industry?

A. I want to be more precise and more accurate in my discussion about that subject, and any Communist who is well trained in the teachings of Leninism is able, under any condition, to act in what they would call a proper Communist manner in the best interests of the CP and for the cause that they are working. It doesn't make any difference what the situation is or where the situation is taking place. They make their deductions from the training in Leninism and they are able to do things peacefully or violently -- it doesn't make any difference; the condition determines the tactic -- and an individual Communist, if necessary, would use violent methods to achieve a certain end at a certain time under certain conditions. That is true Leninism; that is true Communism.

Q. If we go to war with Russia, we could expect, in your opinion, members of the CP of this country to become active saboteurs.

A. Yes, definitely. For example, if I believed in Communism like I did a few years back I would do everything within my power to help the Soviet Union and to help the CP generally, nationally and internationally, and the methods I would use wouldn't make any difference. The condition would determine what method I would use.

Q. I had Congressman FRANCIS WALTERS on the program last night and I asked him about the structure of the CP in California. How is it set up to your knowledge?

A. Well it isn't set up any different --

Q. Is it divided into Northern and Southern California?

A. There is the Northern and Southern District, and they have their district committees in the North and the South. They have section committees and they have what they call clubs, and the clubs will send delegates to the section committee, the section to the district committee and the district committee will have elections to the national committee. It appears to be a democratic-operating organization, but the motivation and the strategy and tactics is one of violent overthrow of the Government.

Q. How many times do you meet a month?

A. Usually, at the present time, most meetings take place once a month, that is, the actual meetings of the CP clubs. However, there are many meetings which CP members attend and various different organizations that they are trying to influence on the many issues that they are working at the present time to attain a certain goal.

Q. What are some of the issues? What do you talk about at these meetings?

A. At the present time, the card-carrying members of the CP who attend meetings regularly spend most of their time in educational discussions -- discussions on Leninism as it applies to our conditions today.

Q. What do you mean Leninism as it applies to our conditions today?

A. Leninism, as I stated previously, teaches the Communists that they must use different methods of approach to different problems that confront the CP and the people with whom they are working at that time.

Q. What are some of the things you are working on now?

A. For example, the present policy of the Party is to work strenuously for peace; that is the program that they come to the people with very openly at the present time. They are against the atomic bomb testing. They are very strongly working for what they call co-existence among the Soviet Union and all other countries in the world. They also are working for co-existence among the CP and all other liberal parties, and as a matter of fact, all political parties with the CP -- trying to join them all together in what they call a fight against monopoly. This is their new program just recently formulated by the Party.

Q. Then, at these meetings you get together and propaganda material is given for such uses?

A. At the present time you will find, for example, one member might be working in a certain educational organization; a certain resolution will be introduced by that person at this organization -- a resolution that the CP wants.

Q. What do you mean by an educational organization?

- A. Let's be blunt about it -- the PTA, for example.
- Q. Parent-Teachers?
- A. That is correct. That is an open field for members of the CP, and resolutions are passed there which favor the interests of the CP. They will work in church organizations and social organizations. It doesn't make any difference -- wherever they can work and present their program. Of course, the program is not known as the program of the CP; it is presented as a bona fide resolution or discussion which they want to push over in an organization.
- Q. As long as we get around to the PTA, Congressman WALTERS yesterday ordered a full-scale investigation of California's educational system for evidences of Communism.
- A. It is highly warranted.
- Q. You know there is a penetration there.
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. It's a pretty massive penetration would you say?
- A. Considering present-day circumstances, I would say the word massive is incorrect but it is an impressive penetration.
- Q. They are educators from all levels of our educational system?
- A. Yes, from college, high school down to elementary school.
- Q. What about the Civil Liberties Union? We hear of that at various times as a Communist front organization and yet it represents people in courts and so on in various good causes. Do you know much about that particular union?
- A. Yes. The Civil Liberties Union on the surface would appear to be an organization that is interested in the welfare of most anybody who has a problem and requires legal help. In other words, it appears to be an organization that favors the underdog. However, the Civil Liberties Union essentially is a very strong arm or adjunct of the CP in that it is the first organization that any Communist will go to if he gets into trouble, and he certainly will get a response, will get a lot of help and a lot of cooperation from the Civil Liberties Union. So, I would say that one of the greatest assets

that the CP has -- which is a Party that believes in over-throwing our Government by force and violence -- is the Civil Liberties Union.

Q. Is it possible for an American Communist to take a position or a view diametrically opposed to Russian policy?

A. That is an impossibility. There are many occasions on many things that have happened in the past where the CP of the United States has to wait and standby to see what the decision and what the policy of the Soviet Union will be before they will adopt their policy here in the United States. They are never diametrically opposed. For example, at the present time it is the policy of the Soviet Union to have co-existence with the so-called capitalist nations in the world, and of course, the CP of the United States has picked that up very rapidly and not only have they picked it up on a national and international scale, but locally they have a program of co-existence among the CP and all political parties against monopoly capitalists. So usually, the Soviet Union sets the pattern for the CP of this country. I would say not usually but always.

Q. I want to ask you about espionage. You told us about the propaganda activities of the CP. How about espionage activities?

A. This follows along the lines that I discussed with you earlier in the program that the member of the CP, or an individual Communist I will say, is always engaged in espionage. In other words, everything that he does, everything that he hears, everything he can gather together which is of value to the CP and the Soviet Union is properly noted and taken to the proper channels. The whole CP is a party of espionage. All the way down the line essentially that is the CP. So, the answer is an all inclusive one.

Q. There must be certain members of the Party or certain individuals that would be committed to espionage rather than --

A. There are members of the CP - I know of CP activity in which knowledge of missile plants is gathered together and known -- information of vital importance that CP members have knowledge of.

Q. And how would that information be passed along to the Russians and to a Communist-dominated government?

A. I would not be able to answer that question because unquestionably a person who is in a position to gather information of that sort is in contact with the higher, shall we say oligarchy of the CP. He certainly does not bring that information for consumption to his club meeting, for example. These things have been mentioned at club meetings, however, I am certain that information as mentioned to the club meetings is carried up to a more vital structure of the CP.

Q. Do you think this business of permitting known Communists or known Communist-front members to leave the country, to be granted visas, etc., to visit foreign countries; do you think that sort of lets down our dikes and permits more material of an espionage nature?

A. I think that is very poor policy.

Q. You mean it is very poor policy on our part to permit these people?

A. That is correct, yes.

Q. I had a big argument on this program last November about the value of loyalty oaths. What do you think of a loyalty oath? Does it in any way hinder or hamper the CP or a Communist?

A. Loyalty oaths are very good. They should have loyalty oaths in all governmental agencies for people who want to work for these agencies, whether it be an educational or civil or whatever the governmental agency might be. The only trouble with our loyalty oaths at the present time is that they don't have enough teeth to it. It is something that a Communist can readily circumvent fraudulently by various methods so that he cannot be held in contempt in any of his testimony or in any of his interrogations that he might be called upon before any committee. I think that we need more stringent legislation which will hamper the activities of the CP. At the present time, it is very difficult, because of our legislation, to properly expose and hamper and handstring the activities of Communists.

Q. When you were a bona fide member of the CP, what was your attitude toward the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other governmental agencies?

A. At that particular time, I very honestly and sincerely believed that any Agent of the Federal Government who would hamper the activities of the CP was similar to the

Gestapo; they were a bunch of goons; they were not gentlemen; they -- well we can't use the words on television to describe what I thought of them at that time. I thought they were the worst sort of people that there are and looked at them as I would a gangster. That was the feeling that I had at that time, and of course, a bona fide Communist at the present time feels that way right now.

Q. Has there been a deliberate attempt to smear the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA)?

A. Yes. The CP and all of the organizations they can influence have tried to do everything they could to abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities and to limit the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and they have been very successful in that respect.

Q. What's your opinion now on such a group as the HCUA?

A. I think that the Committee on Un-American Activities is doing a marvelous job. I think that they should have more legislation to help them in their work. They are understaffed. I do believe that their appropriation is not enough. The people that I have been associated with on the Committee on Un-American Activities have been working long hours and working diligently, and I think successfully, in their work against the CP.

Q. Do you think that the CP of California has been aware that there have been government agents working inside their apparatus?

A. Yes, they have been very aware.

Q. Then they realize that much of their material is drifting back to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the House Committee?

A. Yes.

Q. Now with your appearance where you are going to surface in a couple of months to testify before the committees, and your appearance on television here -- will there be an active search for you within the Party?

A. Yes.

Q. To find out who you are?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there any particular danger of you being exposed before the proper time?

A. There probably is a danger of being exposed but that doesn't create any problem in my mind whatsoever.

Q. Will your life be in danger?

A. Insofar as the CP itself is concerned, I would say no; but insofar as individual Communists, there is a possibility. I will say this that it doesn't bother me because I have been endangered while working actively for the CP under conditions much more severe than under the conditions that I will be working on with the Committee.

Q. Speaking of this danger, will that have mostly to do with labor strikes? It would seem the most logical place.

A. Most any Communist who has been in the Party for a little while has promoted and instigated and created situations in which there was violence and blood shed and in which the Communist's life was in danger.

Q. You have filed reports with Government agencies so far?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Can you name the agencies or is that impossible, or do all of them receive copies?

A. It's government agencies of varied descriptions.

Q. Has any of the information that you sent to these committees or agencies been used actively against the Communists up to this time?

A. I wouldn't say to any extent other than the agencies have the information and feel that it is very valuable information and will help, they think, tremendously in the future in investigations of Communist activities in California.

Q. Do you think the political temper of the country is turning now toward a toleration of Communism?

A. I think it is, and I think it is a very sad situation. I think, despite the fact that the CP is comparatively small in numbers, that is in active club member numbers, it is my feeling and the feeling of many members of the Committee that

the strength of the CP in the United States over all at the present is stronger than it has ever been in the history of our country. The reason for this is that the remaining members of the CP in the small groups are real die-hard Communists, well versed in the teachings of LENIN and well versed in the strategy and tactics, and aside from that, there are many, many more - possibly four or five times in number - who are active in clubs, who are commonly known as individual Communists, who work everywhere and use their own discretion, their own judgement, in their work for Communism; in addition to that, this situation is taking place at a time when the CP is using the Soviet Union as one of its best propaganda methods among the people in the United States, and while we talk about intercontinental missiles and atomic wars, etc., most people here are being pacified into the danger of the CP right here in the United States. That is a dangerous situation because the Communists believe in changing their methods and techniques with changing conditions, and they change all the time.

Q. An American Communist will remain a Communist after say the oppression of Hungary. How do they justify Russian tactics?

A. The CP of the United States will follow the decisions of the CP and Soviet Union, and the position that the Soviet Union took insofar as Hungary is concerned was a proper position. In other words, they claim that any uprisings in Hungary -- they claim that those uprisings were instigated by foreign agents, by capitalist agents throughout the world who have penetrated into Hungary and utilized a situation to cause the revolt there, and they call it foreign interference within the realm of Soviet Hungary, if you want to call it that.

Q. What can we do to fight Communism? You as a Communist and an active one, and now as being back on our side -- and welcome by the way; it's nice having you with us; I'm sorry you were gone so long -- but anyway what can we do? Search each other or what can we do?

A. I think the program for combating Communism is a very simple one. I think we have made a very good start here tonight. I think you have been very gracious in letting me talk here tonight and I believe that if an organization can be formed locally and nationally -- the type of an organization that is principally one of education, an organization that will work as diligently and tenaciously for the preservation of our democratic form of Government as the Communists work for the overthrow of our government -- I think we can rest assured that the Communists will not succeed in their final motivation of overthrowing the government.

Q. Don't we have those organizations in our two political parties -- the Republicans and the Democrats?

A. I don't believe we have. I don't believe that there is an organization in the United States that sensibly approaches this problem, an organization that will work in the same manner as the Communists do in all the mass organizations in which we can present our democratic ideas of living as opposed to the methods that ultimately the Communists, who want to lead those mass organizations, would. I also think that we need better legislation. We need more help for the Committee on Un-American Activities. We need more help for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and although the Supreme Court has passed down decisions which hamper the operations of the committees, we have to honor those decisions, of course, but I think they better take a better look at the whole thing and maybe they could reverse their decision, because most of the decisions of the Supreme Court are hampered to work against Communists severely, and it is at the present time greatly enhancing the opportunities and possibilities of the CP in the United States.

Q. How about a group like the Antisubversive Committee of the American Legion?

A. I am not thinking of a committee of that sort. I am thinking of a committee that doesn't want to get on a white horse and start a crusade and a witchhunt against Communists or anything like that. I believe in an organized, sensible, educational organization in which people will be devoted and be willing to spend time and money and effort in an organized manner so that we can meet the Communists on equal grounds and defeat them that way.

Q. Don't you think we meet them on equal grounds now? You mean we, as citizens of this country, are not as well informed about our country as the Communists are about their system or theory of government?

A. Unfortunately, we, in the United States, have been rocked into complacency about the CP and there is very little, if anything, being done in an organized manner by any group of any significance. The legislative groups that we have working, as I say, are hampered, and the CP is very successful at the present time in carrying on a broad campaign for the complete abolition of the committees which are working for the preservation of our democratic form of government against the CP.

DUGGAN I see. Mister X, thank you very much for being here.

We had here a card-carrying, dues-paying member of the Party here in California, and within the next few months, he will be giving open testimony before the various committees investigating subversive activities in this country.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

KARL PRUSSIAN
Former SF 1740-S

Re Los Angeles radiogram dated 2/27/59, captioned
as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and San Francisco
is a transcript of the portion of the 2/26/59 Tom Duggan Show
over KCOP-TV (Channel 13), which contains the interview by
DUGGAN with captioned individual, who was masked and was
referred to as "Mister X," a current dues-paying Communist
Party member.

PRUSSIAN appeared on the program upon the recom-
mendation of WILLIAM A. WHEELER, Counsel and Committee
Investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Inasmuch as further action in this matter by the
Los Angeles Office is not necessary, it is hereby being
considered RUC.

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Rev. ROBERT MOON
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At 12:40 PM this date, I received a call from SAC FRANK PRICE, San Diego. He said he had discussed the above-captioned individual with you previously and wanted to furnish the following additional information

[redacted] is going to speak on 5/2/61 in a Fresno, California, auditorium. The sponsor of this speech is not known but he will give the same talk against the film "Operation Abolition" as he has done in the past. A [redacted] (ph) from the First Baptist Church (probably Fresno), will also appear and talk for the film. [redacted] will have support from a KARL PRUSSIAN, 5961 Tancha Way, Los Altos, California, (P.O. Box 913). SAC PRICE advised that his source indicated that PRUSSIAN also described himself as a former FBI informant who had worked principally in the San Mateo area and whose identity as an informant had been revealed within the past year.

SAC PRICE further advised that PRUSSIAN made the statement when lining up the speech in Fresno, that two of his references were a [redacted] Immigration, and a [redacted] Naval Intelligence, further information not available

SAC PRICE said that at the affair at San Diego State College where [redacted] had talked, a tape of his speech had been made available to the FBI and in view of his recent statements concerning the Director, portions of the speech had been furnished the Bureau. SAC PRICE suggested we might desire to have a panel source attend the speech at Fresno on 5/2/61

SAC PRICE inquired as to whether we had any information which would confirm PRUSSIAN's claim of being a former FBI informant. I checked LA file 134-1427 and advised him that KARL PRUSSIAN was formerly SF 140-3 and that on 2/26/59, he had

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appeared on the TOM DUGGAN Show in Los Angeles at which time he was masked and referred to as "Mr. X," a current dues paying Communist Party member. I also advised him that PRUSSIAN had appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities

SAC PRICE advised that he would probably call the San Francisco Office for any additional information concerning PRUSSIAN they might have subsequent to that furnished by me

Self Styled FBI Informant Sees 'Cell' In Fresno

Karl Prussion, who says he served as a federal bureau of investigation undercover agent in the Communist movement, last night told an audience in the Fresno Memorial Auditorium that unless this country forms organizations to combat Communism, America will lose its freedom within four years.

Until recently, he said, there was no group in the United States organized in an "orderly democratic" manner to fight against Communism.

To emphasize his point, he asserted that there is a "strong" Communist cell operating in Fresno.

"I have been told by authoritative sources that the Fresno Communist cell already has gone beyond its quota in a current fund drive being conducted by the Communists," Prussion declared.

He did not elaborate or give the sources of his information.

Opposition Claimed

Prussion said an anti Communist group has been formed recently and has chapters "from Santa Barbara to Seattle."

He called attention to postcard membership applications distributed in the auditorium lobby. The cards gave a Fresno post office box number and stated in part:

"A local anti Communist group will soon be formed in the Fresno area with branch meetings in Bakersfield and Modesto."

After his speech, he was asked by newsmen if he was referring to the John Birch Society. He said the organization is not the Birch group. He said he was referring to a group known as the Committee Of Loyal Americans.

Prussion, a Los Altos, Santa Clara County, building contractor, spoke following a debate on the controversial movie Operation Abolition.

Prussion did not take part in the debate.

The meeting was sponsored by the Fresno area Youth for Christ, and Prussion was introduced by the Rev. Bufe Karraker, the YFC director.

Cites Double Role

Prussion said he was a member of the Communist Party from 1933 to 1959.

For the last 12 years of his party membership, he said, he served as an agent for the FBI.

Prussion stopped his speech once to ask the audience to donate \$5,000 to help support Youth For Christ work in this area. An offering was taken among the audience.

More than 1,000 persons attended the preceding debate but by the time Prussion had finished speaking the audience had dwindled to about one fourth of that number.

Several questions were asked from the audience, including one as to Prussion's opinion of United States Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Prussion replied:

"It is my personal opinion Governor Warren lacks mental maturity on the Communist conspiracy and should be impeached."

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AROUND THE CHURCHES

Sammy Davis Jr. to Receive Award

Sammy Davis Jr. will be the FRL Prussion was also honored Sunday at 3:30 p.m. the chief witness in the at the First African Methodist Episcopal church at 801 House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco a year ago.

He will be one of the winners of the Hollywood Race Relations Bureau's annual Motion Picture and Television Unity Awards for persons who have made outstanding contributions for the betterment of racial and religious goodwill.

The Lomita Christian Church, 25512 Walnut St., Lomita, will present an educational film titled "Drug Addiction" at evening services Sunday.

The film will be accompanied by a lecture on the evils of narcotics.

A special dedication service for the new \$137,700 community hall and school will be held Sunday morning at the Manhattan Beach Community Church at 303 S Peck Ave.

Wally Howard, youth editor of the Gospel Light Press, and former Young Life staff member, will speak Monday at 8:30 p.m. when the Christian group meets in Hollywood's Knickerbocker Hotel.

The initial performance of the Haydn festival will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church at 3300 Wilshire Blvd.

Organist Clarence Mader will accompany 16 singers who will sing numerous Haydn works.

Greater Los Angeles Youth for Christ will hold a 6 o'clock rally tonight which will feature a lecture by Karl Prussion, an ex-Communist who was a paid informer for

The Rt. Rev. Francis William Lickfield, Episcopal bishop of Quincy, Ill., will speak at a special evensong service at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, 4510 Finley Ave., on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Presentation of certificates of recognition to members of the four children's choirs will be a feature of the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services at Oneonta Congregational Church, 1515 Garfield Ave., South Pasadena, on Family Sunday.

Dr. O. J. Finch, president of Pasadena College, and the Aeolian Male Quartet will appear at 10:45 a.m. services Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene.

Paul Ratzlaff will direct a 100-voice Oratorio Choir singing Haydn's "The Creation" at the Biola College campus auditorium, La Mirada, Sunday afternoon. The college is at 13800 Biola Ave. and the concert is at 3 p.m.

A film about Mexican migrant workers will be shown by Eddie Perez, of the United Packing House Workers at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1527 Purdie Ave., West Los Angeles Sunday at 10 a.m. The film continues a forum series of labor issues sponsored by the Unitarian Society of Westwood.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

EDITOR Arthur Laro

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)
SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SF 1740-S
OO: San Francisco

[redacted] (conceal per request), [redacted]
[redacted] Redondo Beach, California, established
source of Los Angeles Office 7/6/61 advised in recent
personal contact PRUSSIAN indicated that during week of
7/2-8/61 he would begin legal suit against California State
Attorney General STANLEY MOSK for allowing specific Communist
Party members to take office in State Government of California.

PRUSSIAN reportedly told [redacted] he had previously
protested by letter to MOSK that presence of Communism in
California Government and MOSK had replied by letter in form
of subterfuge.

[redacted] said PRUSSIAN predicted instant legal suit
would bring not only Attorney General MOSK but [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] into public
light on the issue of Communist identification.

[redacted] could not immediately detail above more
exactly, but will provide tape of a talk PRUSSIAN gave in late
June, 1961, at [redacted] setting forth some details
of above.

Bureau and San Francisco will be further advised
upon receipt of tape at Los Angeles Office.

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FORMER CP 1740-1

(OO: SAN FRANCISCO)

Re airtel dated 7/6/61

[redacted] (conceal per request), [redacted]
 Redondo Beach, California, established
 source of Los Angeles office on 7/21/61, advised that he
 is in correspondence with FRUSIAN and is currently awaiting
 details of FRUSIAN's intended suit against STANLEY TUCK,
 California Attorney General, as advised in referenced airtel.
 Mr. WALSH said he would promptly advise Los Angeles office
 on receipt of pertinent information from FRUSIAN.

[redacted] made available a tape, running about
 one and one-half hours of address by FRUSIAN in [redacted]
 during late June, 1961.

Transcript of appropriate portion of tape shows
 Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, a man who ran for
 Superintendent of schools in the State of California, and got
 pretty close to a half a million votes. HOLLAND ROBERTS was
 a member of the same communist cell that I was a member of.
 A former professor at Stanford, a man who has a lot of respect
 in the community, a man of prestige, a man of substance,
 influential in church groups, political groups, universities.
 Incidentally, when he ran for office, when he filed to run
 for office, he violated the laws of the state of California.
 He swore he was not a member of the Communist Party. He lied,
 he deceived the public. If the California citizen would
 know he was a communist, I don't think he would have gotten
 10,000 votes. But yet Attorney General Tuck is not prosecuting
 this man. And there are others like him, like LAM (phonetic) (ph),
 LAM (phonetic) (ph), Mr. ALEXANDER (ph) from Los Angeles, all
 who were they were not members of the Communist Party and
 ran for public office. And the Attorney General is not doing
 anything about. Despite the fact that this is the law. If he
 doesn't prosecute, then he is violating the law. He is
 a collaborator of the Communist Party.

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Indices of Los Angeles show an ALAN [redacted], [redacted], as
in early 1950's an SI subject of SF (SF file 100-8848)
noted in El Paso report of SA WILLIAM H. [redacted], 10/19/51. SF
1-470, therein, advised 1/5/51, that ALLAN ISAACSON (MC) was
present at meeting of executive committee of progressive party
at 1219 Los Angeles Street, El Paso, Texas. This is possibly
identical with [redacted]'s above reference. LA indices show
nothing identifiable with "ISACSON, [redacted]" (ph) under possible
variant spellings. It is suggested that [redacted] is referring
to HERACE [redacted], "from Los Angeles," whom [redacted] advised
11/18/54, [redacted]: "Every CP Club in the county is
expected to participate fully in the campaign of [redacted]
ALEXANDER's candidacy for Secretary of State."

[redacted] Bureau and SF will be advised of further data from
[redacted] regarding [redacted]'s intended suit as received by
[redacted].

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All, if believed correct, determine from former
SF 1-71-1 details of his intended suit against Attorney General
[redacted] as shown in referenced airtel and advise Bureau.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

8/29/61

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SF 1740-S

(OO: San Francisco)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 8/22/61, which noted that PRUSSIAN contemplated a suit against California State Attorney General STANLEY MOSK.

PRUSSIAN was interviewed 8/25/61, regarding the above. He said he now has a letter from Attorney General MOSK setting forth that MOSK's office is not the agency responsible for conducting prosecutions in matters of the type cited by PRUSSIAN. In this letter MOSK advised he has referred the statements of KARL PRUSSIAN to the appropriate District Attorneys in the California districts having jurisdiction in the individual cases. PRUSSIAN said he knows that Attorney General MOSK has referred the matter relating to HOLLAND ROBERTS to LOUIS BERGNA, District Attorney, Santa Clara County, inasmuch as ROBERTS lives in Palo Alto in Santa Clara County. He said BERGNA has contacted PRUSSIAN and they have arranged a tentative appointment for the first week in September, at which time PRUSSIAN's statements regarding ROBERTS' CP membership at the time of his candidacy for office in California will be discussed. PRUSSIAN said that he does not plan a suit against MOSK and that what he originally contemplated was a petition for impeachment of MOSK for failure to perform his duties. He said that in view of the above, it is not planned to bring any action concerning MOSK.

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PRUSSIAN advised at this time that he is now publishing a small throw-away type newspaper generally running three to six pages mimeographed. He said he is publishing it in his name and with his address as P. O. Box 913, Los Altos, California. He said the paper is called "HEADS UP!" He said that the paper is now being sent to a mailing list of about five thousand people, most of whom are patriots and members of various patriotic organizations. He said that also included in the list are labor unions, political parties, holders of public office, and a few persons whose names have been submitted to him by friends. He said the paper announces itself as sustained by contributions from readers, and he said at present he is "almost breaking even". He said the contributions approximate the cost of the mimeographing and mailing of five thousand issues. The paper announces itself as "Dedicated to fight and expose Communism - everywhere". Volume I of April, 1961, carried an article criticizing Governor BROWN and Attorney General MOSK for "patriot-baiting". Another article discussed formation in Northern California college campuses of anti-communist student groups. Another article attacked Episcopal Bishop for California Rev. JAMES A. PIKE.

Any further information concerning the above will be furnished the Bureau.

10/8/61

The Ventura (Calif.) County Star-Free Press

State Figures Resist Communism Inquiry,

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Speaker Tells 400 in County Meeting

By JOHN WEIGLE

Some influential forces in Sacramento "don't want an investigation of communism in California."

This is the declaration an admitted former Communist who told an audience of 400 Saturday night that Gov. Pat Brown's administration "needs Communist support to survive" and is harassing the John Birch Society to "cover up the need for an investigation of communism in California."

Karl Prussion of Los Altos, who said he spent 26 years in the Communist party, the last 12 as an FBI counterspy, told a meeting sponsored by the

Ventura County Speakers Forum that Brown, Attorney General Stanley Mosk and State Controller Alan Cranston are "strongly influenced" by the party.

The John Birch Society is

combatting communism very effectively and intelligently," the speaker contended. Of the Brown-Mosk criticism of the John Birch group, he remarked: "You'd think there was no Communist activity in the state."

Prussion claimed that in 1952, the Communists considered infiltrating both the Republican and Democratic parties, but finally decided on the Democrats "because the main stream of the labor movement is in the Democrat party."

The GOP was considered, he said, because the Communists felt President Eisenhower was

the best person to "use" for the "peace offensive."

Directives were issued to infiltrate the California Democratic Clubs a year before the clubs were formed, Prussion asserted. "How did the Communists know these clubs would be formed a year before they were?" he asked.

Then he named a state official as "father of the California Democratic clubs and a close friend of many Communists." This man leaked word of the club organization plan to the Communists, Prussion charged.

He also claimed that Communists have been "very effective" in influencing the State Assembly's rules com-

mittee and its chairman, Augustas Hawkins of Los Angeles. He charged that Hawkins had allowed only some 20 minutes to discuss a proposal to form a joint committee to investigate Communist activities in the state, while allowing other lobbyists hours or even days to discuss "trivial items."

The meeting was held at the Pleasant Valley school in Camarillo. Platform guests were Robert Lagomarsino of Ojai, candidate for State Senate, and his wife; Harry Jacobs of Ventura, an American Legion committeeman, and William Walsh, M. D., of Camarillo.

The Ventura County Speakers Forum has sponsored numerous

conservative, anti-Communist speakers.

One of their talks this spring by Lt. Stephen Huffaker, public information officer at Oxnard Air Force Base, figured in a controversy over the propriety of military officers discussing Soviet communism as it relates to U.S. foreign policy. Huffaker has since been transferred to another post.

KARL PRUSSIAN

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COAST CITIES FREEDOM PROGRAM
Post Office Box 45583, Los Angeles 45, California

Sept. 30, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Wash., D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I had the pleasure of hearing a talk by Mr. Karl Prussion about the Communist Conspiracy inside California. It is my understanding that Mr. Prussion was a member of the Communist Party for 26 years, part of that time doing undercover work for the FBI.

As Program Chairman of the COAST CITIES FREEDOM PROGRAM I have invited Mr. Prussion to be our speaker at the Nov. 8th presentation. You will recall that COAST CITIES is the organization which had so much trouble trying to engage the 11th District Naval Band at our July program.

I would appreciate it very much if you would be able to send me some background about Mr. Prussion as well as a word or two which I might use in promotion of him.

Thank you very much for all of your past help. I hope that someday I may have the pleasure of meeting you, and presenting you at COAST CITIES FREEDOM PROGRAM.

Cordially,



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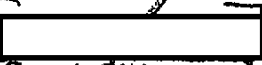
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Coast Cities Freedom Program
Post Office Box 45583
Los Angeles 45, California

Dear 

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PRUSSIAN

I have received your letter of September 30, with enclosure, and appreciate your interest in writing. In response to your request, Mr. Karl Prussian was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI; however, he furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958 for which he was compensated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Law, If Enforced, Will Cripple Reds - Ex-Spy

By AUSTIN CONOVER
Citizen-News Columnist

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy would deal the U.S. Communist Party a crippling blow if he enforces the registration requirements of the McCarran Act, recently upheld by the Supreme Court, and which go into effect this month.

This opinion was expressed at a press conference in the Baltimore Hotel yesterday by Karl Prussion, an FBI agent in the party for 12 years until 1959.

"The communists will resist," he said. "They will use the Jenks case court ruling which requires the FBI to reveal its sources of information, and I believe that in the end

the attorney general will do no more than make token arrests."

"How many Communist Party members are there in California?" I asked Prussion, who today is a building contractor, lecturer on communism and editor of a publication called "Heads Up."

He replied: "There are no less than 7,500. These include some 2,500 cell members and those not in cells but contacted by communist couriers. It should be remembered that one dedicated communist is equal to 1,000 complacent, unenlightened patriots."

"Do you believe that the Communist Party should be outlawed?"
"Absolutely," said Prussion.

"It will drive the party underground, but there, where it was during the 1950-54 period when the McCarran Act was being enforced, it is ineffective and unproductive, and the membership squabbles among themselves. Today, it is extremely effective economically, socially and politically."

"Citizens must organize to demand legislation against the Communist Party and to inform themselves on communist strategy so that they can spot it in labor unions, church groups and political meetings."

Prussion will speak tonight at the coast cities freedom program at Santa Monica High School at 8 p.m. The meeting is free to the public.

The Citizen-News
Hollywood, Calif.

Date 11-8-61

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Editor: HARLAN G
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RE:



KARL PRUSSION
... undercover agent

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Anti-Red 'Spy' On Program

Karl Prussion, a former FBI counterspy, is slated to disclose the inner-workings of the American Communist Party when he talks to an All-Southern California planning session for Project Alert in the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Wednesday, during a noon luncheon.

The announcement was made by a spokesman for the Southern California Freedom Forum, sponsors of the meeting.

Prussion, a resident of Los Altos, is by profession a Bay Area builder. He terminated a 12-year counterspy activity on Aug. 12, 1959 — an assignment he accepted in 1947.

In 1933, while a student at Wayne University, Detroit, Prussion headed a strike protesting a tuition raise. Shortly thereafter he learned his committee was a communist front.

Intrigued with his discovery, Prussion joined the Communist Party. He learned that during the '30's, the University of Michigan newspaper was thoroughly censored by the campus reds prior to each publication. As an active party member, Prussion qualified for the Communist leadership school, where he was indoctrinated with "insurrection" tactics. Part of the training included learning to live on bread and water for a week to endure possible deprivation during the planned "revolution."

The FBI accepted Prussion as a counterspy in Mountain View, Calif. His activities were confined to the cells in Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto.

Watching the growing victories of the communists, as they continued to win more territory, and legal battles within the United States, Prussion concluded that Americans were losing their battle against communism. He decided to actively fight red enslavement in the United States by carrying his message directly to the people.

Since terminating his FBI work in 1959, Prussion has spoken to more than 10,000 citizens. He was a chief witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at their San Francisco Riot sessions in May, 1960.

The San Francisco sessions were so disrupted by red sympathizers that Prussion and others were forced to complete their testimonies in a Washington, D.C. executive session of the HUAC. Prussion's testimony named over 40 California Reds who attended cell meetings with him. He believes that America's only hope is the grass-root anti-communist organizations. "If all citizens work in this manner to combat the menace, we may possibly be able to keep our freedom," says Prussion. "If we don't," he

warns, "the communists will enslave the world's last stronghold of freedom within four years!"

A spokesman for the Southern California Freedom Forum urged everyone to attend the planning session luncheon. He defined Project Alert as an anti-communism school to be held at the Shrine Auditorium for five days beginning Monday, Dec. 11.

Project Alert is being presented by the Navy League, the Marine Corps League, in cooperation with the American Security Council, and other patriotic groups. Sponsorship of the event is handled by the Southern California Freedom Forum, a committee of leading citizens living throughout Southern California.

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Counterspy to Tell How Reds Work

Former FBI counterspy Karl Prussion will discuss inner workings of the Communist party in this country when he addresses the All-Southern California planning session of Project Alert Wednesday noon at the Biltmore Hotel.

Southern California Freedom Forum is sponsor of the meeting.

Prussion, of Los Altos, joined the Communist party in the 1930s when he was an undergraduate at Wayne University in Detroit, Mich. Trained in the party's leadership school, he was a specialist in "Insurrectionist" work.

He became a FBI counterspy in 1947 after experiencing the party's brutality to its own members, and the assignment ended in 1956 when he was a witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Karl Prussion
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Editor: WARREN WOOLARD

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FBI Ex-Agent Urges Law to Cripple Reds

A former undercover agent for the FBI said here Tuesday that vigorous enforcement of the law requiring registration of communists would constitute a crippling blow to the nation's Reds.

But, added Karl Prussion, who is now an anti-communist lecturer, there isn't much to indicate that Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy intends to do very much about the matter.

The former agent made the observation at a press conference in the Biltmore.

Prussion is scheduled to address a "Project Alert" luncheon in the Biltmore today and a Coast Cities Freedom program at Santa Monica High School tonight.

Los Angeles Times

Date 11-8-61

Los Angeles Division

Editor: NICK WILLIAMS

RE: KARL PRUSSION
"PROJECT ALERT"

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McCarran Act 'Potent' Anti-Red Weapon

Vigorous enforcement of the McCarran compulsory registration law would be "a crippling blow" to the Communist party, a former FBI undercover agent said here Tuesday.

But, he added in an interview at the Biltmore, he doubts if there will be vigorous enforcement, "there is every indication Bobby Kennedy (U.S. attorney general) is not too concerned about the possibility of a Com-

munist coup in this country." The ex-agent, Karl Pruss, a Los Altos carpenter who previously had been a card-carrying Communist for 14 years, added:

"I disagree with the attorney general. I was a Communist when he was in grammar school, and I have seen their influence and power first-hand - they're very much a threat."

Los Angeles Examiner

Date 11-8-61

Los Angeles Division

Editor: WARDEN WOOLARD

RE: KARL PRUSSION

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Red Rule in U.S. in 2 Years Held Possible

Communist penetration in the United States is so serious that a Communist takeover is possible within two years, Karl Prussion, former FBI counterspy, told a Project Alert luncheon Thursday at the Ambassador.

Speaking before more than 700 Wilshire district businessmen and women, Prussion warned that only through organization and education can citizens unite to defeat the Red conspiracy.

He named labor unions, political parties and civic and religious organizations as the prime objectives of Communist infiltration and also accused several state officials and political leaders of being either "Communists or collaborators."

Churches Are Target

Recalling his experience of 26 years as a member of the Communist Party, nearly half of them spent working for the FBI as a counterspy, Prussion said that American Communists are taught to lie and deceive on the basis that any means justifies the end.

He acknowledged churches are communism's greatest opponent "and therefore churches are communism's main target."

The luncheon was sponsored by the Citizens Freedom Center which is co-operating with the Project Alert School of Anti-Communism to be conducted Dec. 11-15 at Shrine Auditorium.

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Los Angeles Times

Date 11/10/61

Los Angeles Division

Editor: NICK WILLIAMS

RE: KARL PRUSSION

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Karl Prussion Will Speak on Freedom Program Here

VAN NUYS—Karl Prussion, the Reds have managed to infiltrate and where the direction of this conspiracy originates," Mrs. Tevis stated. tomorrow on the San Fernando Valley Freedom Program to be held at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist Church, 14800 Sherman Way.

Harry von Zell, television, screen and radio personality, will be master of ceremonies and Freedom Fighters from captive nations throughout the world will be guests of honor, said chairman Mrs. Nancy Tevis.

"Prussion was a Communist for 26 years, and for 12 of these years he gave information to the FBI and was chief witness at the San Francisco HUCA hearings," Mrs. Tevis said.

"Despite vilification and harrassment, Mr. Prussion has had the courage to tell why Americans become Communists, why Communists leave the party, how Communists have been brainwashed into silence when they do leave, how far into organizations

The Freedom Program chairman said the meeting here tomorrow "is in no way connected with 'Project Alert' planning sessions."



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Received by mail from
NANCY TEVIS (11/11/61)

VALLEY NEWS AND GREEN SHEET

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RE: NANCY TEVIS

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CARL PRUSSIAN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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For the information of the Bureau and the San Francisco Office, [redacted] a graduate of [redacted] where he was [redacted] California, and at [redacted] is presently [redacted] in the Southern California area. He called on me November 22, 1961, and advised as follows:

Within the past two weeks there was a meeting of approximately 100 top Stanford graduates held in the Los Angeles area, and the speaker at this meeting was one CARL PRUSSIAN, who, according to [redacted] is represented as a former FBI Agent who resides in the Palo Alto area.

At this meeting PRUSSIAN is reported to have stated that WALTER RUEHNER was the house guest for a week of WALLACE STERLING, President of Stanford University, and PRUSSIAN described RUEHNER as a card carrying communist who along with his brother had studied in Russia. PRUSSIAN also allegedly stated that Professor PAUL B. ZARAN was a Polish card carrying communist.

[redacted] received this information from WAYNE LOWELL, a retired geologist who resides in San Marino, California, and who, according to [redacted] has a bequest of \$750,000 in his will in favor of Stanford University.

The statements made by PRUSSIAN have caused considerable concern among the Stanford graduates who were present at the meeting.

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NOTE: SAC to inform [redacted] of employment data on PRUSSIAN, if any, on receipt from Bureau.

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[] explained that he is of the opinion that this meeting was organized by PAUL H. ("TEX") TALENT of Beverly Hills, who heads the John Birch Society in Southern California. TALENT reportedly became very upset when Stanford University accepted money from the Fund for the Republic in order to make a study at Stanford Law School of anti-communist witnesses. [] said that TALENT has been trying to influence many Stanford graduates from giving money to Stanford until the University rids itself of what TALENT calls "Commie Profs."

[] stated that the only contact known between WALTER RUETHER and President STERLING of Stanford is that RUSSELL LEE of the Palo Alto Clinic took RUETHER to STERLING's home for tea on one occasion.

[] stated that Stanford University is concerned with respect to Professor PAUL BARAN, who has praised CASTRO, who visited Cuba for three weeks, and who has been active in the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." He said that Stanford University is also concerned about an Assistant Professor of Art, VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF.

[] also furnished a list of professors concerning whom Stanford University has received allegations concerning their communist leanings, but he stated that he has no specific data other than their names. He furnished me the list as follows:

PAUL A. BARAN, Professor of Economics
BERNARD F. HALEY, Professor of Economics
MOSES ABRAMOVITZ, Professor of Economics
MELVIN W. REDER, Professor of Economics
PAUL M. SWEETZ, Visiting Professor of Economics
LORIE TARSHIS, Professor of Economics
ROBERT C. NORTH, Associate Professor of Political Science
WAYNE VUCINICH, Professor of History
VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, Assistant Professor of Art
HOLLAND ROBERTS

With respect to HOLLAND ROBERTS, [] stated that CARL PRUSSIAN in a "Fact Sheet" listed ROBERTS in such manner as to raise the inference that ROBERTS is currently a member of the Stanford faculty, whereas, in fact, ROBERTS was "fired" in 1937.

[] stated that he would greatly appreciate being informed, if possible, as to whether CARL PRUSSIAN was in fact an Agent of the FBI and during what years.

I made no commitment to him other than to point out that I was not in a position to furnish such information and that his request concerning employment of PRUSSIAN by the Bureau would be forwarded to our headquarters.

The Bureau is requested to advise of the data requested for furnishing to []

[] stated that he feels sure that the governing board at Stanford University would take steps to rid the university of any communists on its staff, provided they were in position to have sufficient proof of same.

A copy of this letter is being forward San Francisco inasmuch as Stanford University is located within San Francisco territory.

It is to be noted that I have been personally acquainted with [] for over 20 years at a time when we were both members of the faculty at Saint Mary's College. I have the highest regard for him as an individual.

*These have been reported or
named to be Communist
to the Party. No proof given, as reported
but the allegation has
been made.*

Paul A. Baran Professor of Economics

Bernard F. Haley Professor of Economics

Moses Abramovitz Professor of Economics

Melvin W. Reder Professor of Economics

Paul M. Sweezy Visiting Professor of Economics

Lorie Tarshis Professor of Economics

Robert E. North Associate Professor of Political Science

Wayne Vucinich Professor of History

Victor M. Arnautoff Assistant Prof of Art

Holland Roberts

(fired from Stanford in 1937) -

*"Fact Sheet" listed Roberts in such
manner as to raise inference that Roberts
is currently a Stanford faculty member,
whereas Roberts was fired in 1937.*

Karl Prussion

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: December 7, 1961

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: CARL PRUSSIAN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reurlet 11-27-61 captioned as above in which you state Prussian had reportedly represented himself as a former FBI Agent who resides in the Palo Alto area. You also stated that [redacted] a representative for Stanford University in the Southern California area, would appreciate being informed as to whether Prussian was in fact an Agent of the FBI and during what years.

The Carl Prussian mentioned in your communication may be identical with Mr. Karl Prussion, a former Confidential Informant of our San Francisco Office. It appears that reference may be made to Prussion in Los Angeles file 134-1427 since such file designation was made on a news clipping submitted by your division under date of 11-8-61, apparently having been taken from "The Citizen-News" of Hollywood, California.

[redacted] may be advised that neither Carl Prussian nor Karl Prussion has ever been a Special Agent of this Bureau; however, Prussion did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services.

Should information developed by you definitely indicate captioned individual has represented himself to be a former FBI Agent, you should contact him and warn him to cease and desist making such representations. Bureau should be promptly advised of the results.

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Rusty advised as above.
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AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS, aka
August Hawkins, Gus Hawkins
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[redacted], Roseda,
California, who has furnished reliable information in the
past and whose identity should be concealed per her request,
on 11/24/61 made available to SA [redacted] a letter
which reads as follows:

Office of the Attorney General
Department of Justice
State Building, San Francisco 2
November 21, 1961

[redacted]
Woodland Hills, California

Dear [redacted]

1. Assemblyman August Hawkins is not a
member of the Communist Party.

2. There are to my knowledge no communists
elected to my public office in the State of California.

For the above reasons, we are not prosecuting
anybody.

I would respectfully suggest to you that you
confirm wild-eyed allegations before you accept them as
truthful.

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[] advised that KARL PRUSSIAN was the featured speaker at a program of a patriotic nature which was held on 11/10/61 at the First Baptist Church Building, 14309 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, California, and which was sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Freedom Program in which she had participated in arranging the affair. She advised that during his speech, PRUSSIAN had described GUS HAWKINS, a California Assemblyman from Los Angeles, as a communist who is the head of the Rules Committee of the California Assembly. She advised PRUSSIAN stated that as long as a man like HAWKINS occupies such a position in the California Assembly there would be no effective anti-communist laws enacted.

[] advised that in view of the above information from PRUSSIAN, a man by the name of [] who is a member of the American Legion and who is active in patriotic activities, had written to Attorney General STANLEY MOSK concerning HAWKINS. She advised that [] had delivered the above letter to her which he said was the reply he had received from MOSK's office. She advised [] requested that she send the letter to KARL PRUSSIAN for his information. She stated she would send the letter to PRUSSIAN as requested by []

It is noted that AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS, a California Assemblyman from the 52nd Assembly District in Los Angeles, is the subject of Los Angeles lead file 100-31128. The Los Angeles indices contain numerous references which may be identical with him and which are being reviewed. If this review reveals information that HAWKINS has been a member of the Communist Party (CP), the San Francisco Office will be advised as a matter of information.

A photostatic copy of the above letter is being maintained in the file concerning HAWKINS at Los Angeles.

San Francisco is requested to contact KARL PRUSSIAN (former SF 1740-3) and ascertain if he has any specific information which would establish that HAWKINS is a member of the CP. It is requested that discretion be exercised in its contact so as not to reveal the identity of []

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WILLIAM P. RUSSIAN
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The Bureau furnished the Los Angeles Office with a copy of a letter dated 12/11/61, which was directed to the Honorable SPENCER WOSK, Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of California, 500 State Building, Los Angeles 12, which was prepared in response to a letter Attorney General WOSK had directed to the Honorable ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States, dated 12/4/61. Mr. WOSK, in brief, advised that on 11/13/61, and while with the President of the United States, he discussed with him the "problem we are having in California with a number of apparently irresponsible persons whipping people into an emotional frenzy of anticommunism." Mr. WOSK stated the President declared that if WOSK would submit the names of certain speakers identified as "a former FBI Agent" to the Attorney General, he could learn whether the individual was ever actually in the FBI and whether his separation was voluntary, by dismissal, or under honorable or dishonorable circumstances. One of the names submitted by Mr. WOSK was that of KARL PRUSSIAN. The Bureau, by letter dated 12/11/61, advised Mr. WOSK, in part, that Mr. PRUSSIAN had never been employed as a Special Agent of the FBI but had furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to the FBI, for which he was compensated, during the period 1941-1945.

On 12/12/61 the "Los Angeles Mirror," a large metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper, reported that KARL PRUSSIAN, a Los Altos, California builder, was one of the speakers before the Project Alert Assembly, which was held at the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles. PRUSSIAN stated he had been a member of the Communist Party (CP) for 20 years and an FBI counterspy for 12 of those years. PRUSSIAN, according to the article, specifically attacked the California Democratic Clubs (CDC) and noted that he had belonged to such a club in Palo Alto, California (in 1954), and of the 25 charter members of the CDC 13 were members of his cell. He stated, "I am not familiar with Southern California, but records show there is even one

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infiltration more than in Northern California. There are 200 identified communists in California, but I think the membership would be more like 2,000." PRUSSIAN declared Governor BENJAMIN G. "PAT" BROWN and Attorney General CRAIG TOSK have unwittingly aided the communists, and OSK, in particular, has been strongly influenced by communist opinion. PRUSSIAN also charged the Republican Party in California had been infiltrated by communists.

The "Los Angeles Examiner," a large Los Angeles metropolitan newspaper, dated 12/13/61, also reported on PRUSSIAN's statements before Project Alert and observed that PRUSSIAN called upon the Democrats to "clean house" in California Democratic Clubs, which he claimed to be heavily infiltrated with communists. According to the article, PRUSSIAN stated he was present at a Palo Alto cell meeting when the decision to infiltrate the clubs was made in 1952, almost one year before it became generally known that such groups were being contemplated. He stated, "The Secretary of the Political Commission of the Communist Party of Northern California explained the decision in these words: 'The mainstream of the labor movement is moving into the Democratic Party.'" PRUSSIAN stated, "From my first-hand knowledge I can tell you that of the 25 charter members of the Palo Alto club, 13 were communists."

The "Los Angeles Times," dated 12/13/61, reported the same general remarks made by PRUSSIAN as the two other papers hereinbefore quoted. The "Los Angeles Times," however, interviewed one DON E. CARVEY, JR., of Palos Verdes Estates, California, and President of the California Democratic Council, who advised concerning PRUSSIAN's attack that "this is a new form of McCarthyism, which seems to aim at undermining respect for established American institutions and leaders of both parties."

The "Los Angeles Herald-Express" on 12/12/61 set forth the results of an interview with KARL PRUSSIAN which he granted prior to appearing before the Project Alert Assembly.

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At this time, PERSSON declared that communists have moved into California's political life, thoroughly infiltrating the California Democratic Party, and he noted that the order to infiltrate the Democratic Clubs was issued one year before the clubs were turned in 1953. He stated that in 1952 it was by the toss of a coin whether the communists would enter the Republican or Democratic Parties. He noted the GOP possibility was due to President EISENHOWER's being a "symbol of peace." He recalled the order was given to break up the Independent Progressive Party and enter Democratic Party politics because the mainstream of the labor movement moves into the Democratic Party. He stated he did not know the degree of communist influence in the Republican Party. He charged that Attorney General STANLEY MOSK refused to investigate the entry of communists into election campaigns, wherein candidates were obliged by law to take an oath that they were not affiliated with any subversive organizations. He stated MOSK replied that "ordinarily" such matters were not handled on a state level, and he referred the probe to a district attorney. He also stated Governor CROWN and MOSK and other California leaders have not supported a state-wide investigation of subversion, but declared they favored a probe of the John Birch Society. He said the responsible leaders of the Democratic Party should move at once to remove communists from the party and the state, and charged that the attack against communism in California is "failing miserably."

The foregoing has been furnished to the Bureau for information and the completion of the Bureau's files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM : SAC W. G. SIMON

SUBJECT: ~~KARL PRUSSION~~
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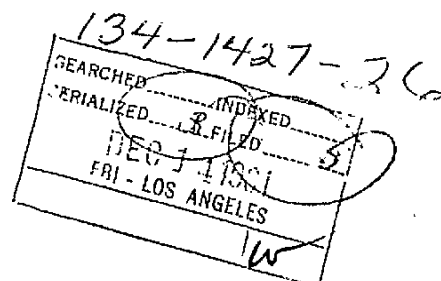
On December 12, 1961, BILL BROWN on the City Editor's Desk at the "Examiner" stated that PRUSSION is referred to as a "counterspy" for the FBI.

I told him that we had nothing to do with that terminology and pursuant to his request advised him that PRUSSION was an informant for the Bureau for a number of years and that he was paid for his services, and I pointed out that he had not been a Special Agent of the FBI.

BROWN informed me that he did not desire this data for publication but merely for his own understanding.

BROWN has been cooperative with this office in the past. The Bureau has just furnished this data on PRUSSION as a result of the request of

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DIRECTOR, FBI

12/28/61

SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SF 1740-S

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Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, 11/27/61,
and Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 12/7/61.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions as set forth in
referenced Bureau letter, [redacted] was furnished
the indicated information.

[redacted] stated he did not have any information
that PRUSSIAN represented himself as a Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Inasmuch as PRUSSIAN resides in the area covered
by the San Francisco Division, a copy of this letter is
being furnished to that Office so that in the event informa-
tion comes to their attention that PRUSSIAN has been representing
himself as a Special Agent of the FBI, they may take the
appropriate action as indicated by referenced Bulet.

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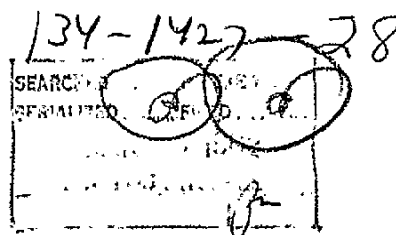
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ReBulet 12/7/61. Advise under what caption and date you
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)
RE: CARL PRUSSIAN
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ReBuairtel 1/3/62, and Bulet 12/7/61.

Reply to referenced Bureau letter of 12/7/61 was submitted by the Los Angeles Office to the Bureau with a carbon copy to San Francisco by letter dated 12/28/61, under the caption, "KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740-S."

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Ex-Agent, Prof Testify, of Red Infiltration

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A former FBI agent and a retired admiral, now a professor, respectively told a State Assembly interim committee Monday that a Communist is a member of the Legislature and more than 150 California professors "have affiliations that are subversive."

Karl Prussion, who was a Communist organizer in his role as a FBI counterspy, refused to identify the legislator he claimed was Red.

"The attorney general's office has the information," Prussion said. "I didn't give it to them but it's a matter of public documentation." He did not elaborate.

PRUSSION, who in 1960 also testified before a House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing in San Francisco, said his refusal to identify the individual was based "on the complexities of the law."

"That's why the proposed amendment under investigation by this Assembly committee is so important.

"It will make Community Party membership in California the disqualifying factor without involving a lot of other court action."

THE AMENDMENT is a proposal by Assemblyman Louis Francis, R-San Mateo. If accepted, it would deny Communists the right to hold public office, the right to public employment or to receive any tax exemption.

Edward S. Carmick, the retired rear admiral who has been teaching engineering for almost six years, was the day's second witness.

Now a professor at San Jose State, Carmick said the amendment would help curb the subversives and arouse the conservatives.

He said Communist activity in California is greater than in any other state except New York and that many California professors, hired without background check, couldn't hold a low security job in a defense plant.

Long Beach *Independent*
Long Beach, California
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Date 1/16/62
Editor W. H. COLEMAN

Re:

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Dear Mr. Simons,

I wonder if you could tell me what category ~~Carl Prussian~~ would be in? There are some here and elsewhere in the county who are trying to discredit him and Project Alert. I would like to know how to answer them.

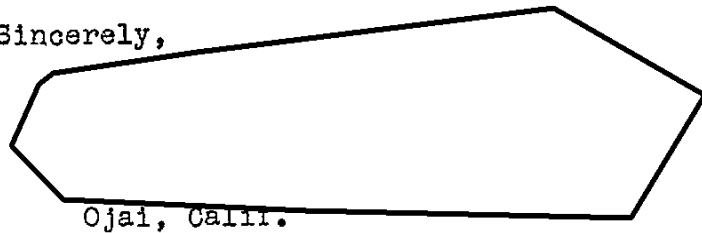
I wrote to Mr. Hoover enclosing a letter that was printed in one of our local papers quoting Mr. Hoover as saying that Carl Prussion was never a special agent of the FBI , but that he had given the Bureau information for which he was paid. Mr. Hoover in answer to my inquiry verified the above and said that he felt it incumbent upon him to clarify Mr. Prussion's exact standing.

I noticed in the transcript of the hearing by the Assembly Committee on Rules taken at 9 A.M. June 6, 1961 at the state capitol in Sacramento, California that Mr. Louis Francis introduced Mr. Prussian as an under cover agent for the F.B.I. (a former one I mean). Is this true? If not what would he be called by the Bureau?

Thank you very much for your time and I will appreciate your answer.

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Sincerely,



Ojai, Calif.

Ack. 1/29/62
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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
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Ojai, California

Dear 

I have received your letter of January 23, 1962, and appreciate your interest in writing.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussian was never employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He did furnish information to the FBI concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958.

Mr. Prussian was compensated for his services.

Very truly yours,

W. G. SIMON 
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
Former SF 1740-S
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Re Bureau airtel, 1/31/62.

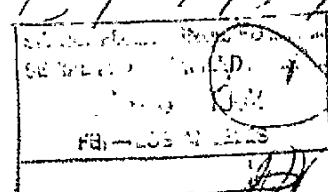
Los Angeles, by letter 12/8/61, advised San Francisco that [redacted] Reseda, California, had informed the Los Angeles Office of the following:

PRUSSION spoke at a patriotic meeting 11/10/61, at Van Nuys, California. During his talk, PRUSSION described GUS HAWKINS, a California Assemblyman from Los Angeles, as a Communist, who is head of the Rules Committee of the California Assembly. PRUSSION stated as long as a man like HAWKINS occupied such a position in the Assembly, there would be no effective anti-communist legislation enacted. She said that an American Legionnaire hearing the speech had written a letter to California Attorney General STANLEY MOSK concerning HAWKINS. She furnished MOSK's reply dated 11/21/61, which denied that HAWKINS is a member of the Communist Party and, therefore, declined prosecution of him.

San Francisco advised Los Angeles by letter 1/2/62 that PRUSSION had been interviewed 12/29/61 concerning HAWKINS and said he had no personal knowledge that HAWKINS is a Communist, but had based his statements on his research in newspaper files. He recalled that one newspaper article had

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recited that HAWKINS had been identified in Texas by a former CP member as having been a member of the Party in Texas. PRUSSION did not have his notes on the above research, but stated that all his information came from public sources.

San Francisco, by letter 1/22/62, furnished Los Angeles a correlation memorandum including all information in San Francisco files.

The "San Francisco Examiner" of 1/16/62 reported PRUSSIONS testimony before the California Assembly Interim Committee 1/15/62, in which PRUSSION made the statement that a member of the legislature is also a Communist. PRUSSION testified that Attorney General's Office is in possession of that information, but he declined to name the Legislator "because of the complexities of the law".

In response to re Bureau airtel, an attempt was made to contact PRUSSION 2/6/62. His wife, DOROTHY PRUSSION, advised he is in the Los Angeles area for several days, and she does not have his address. She advised she is certain PRUSSION referred to HAWKINS in the above testimony and knows no other State Legislator who may be a Communist.

UACB, PRUSSION will not be recontacted since it is clear he refers to HAWKINS.

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Dear Mr. Simons,

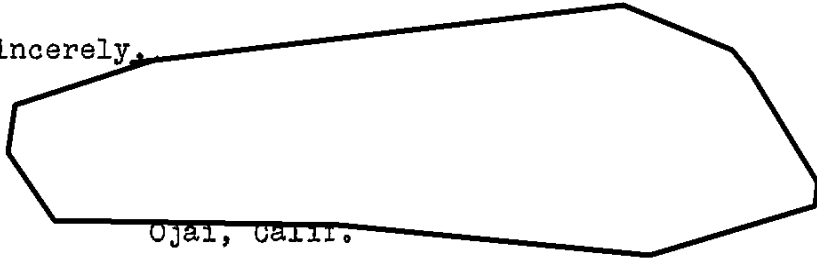
I thank you very much for answering my letter to you of January 23, 1962 concerning Mr. Prussion. However you failed to answer my question.

I know Mr. Prussion was never a Special Agent. My question was would he be called an under cover agent (former) and if not what would he be classified as according to the F.B.I. or do you not have a classification for people who remain in the Communist apparatus in order to give information to the Bureau?

I am sorry to bother you again, but I would like an answer to my question. I shall look forward again to hearing from you. Thank you.

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Sincerely,



Ojai, Calif.

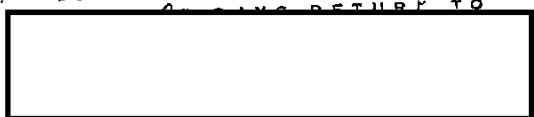
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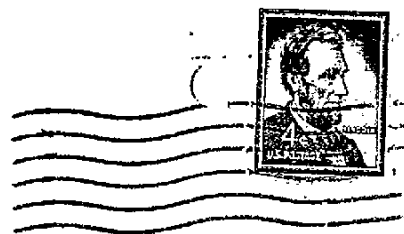
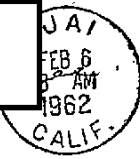
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Ojai, Calif.



*Mr. W. D. Simone
1340 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles 17,
California*

To FBI

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
February 14, 1962

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[REDACTED]
Ojai, California

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your recent letter, this is to advise that Mr. Karl Prussian has never been classified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an undercover agent inasmuch as he was never an employee of this Bureau.

He has been classified as an individual who has furnished information to the FBI, for which services he was compensated.

Very truly yours,

W. G. SIMON
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)(P)

DATE: 2-16-62

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION

Reference is made to the attached clipping from the "People Speak" column of the Ventura County Star - Free Press issue of 1-12-62.

This memorandum is being written for background information concerning the item that appeared in this clipping which was a letter to the Editor from one [REDACTED] Santa Paula, California.

For several months past, KARL PRUSSION has been lecturing in Ventura County and in this vicinity, the gist of his lecture being that ALLAN CRANSTON, State Comptroller, must have been close to Communist Party members because, according to PRUSSION, the Communist Party when PRUSSION was allegedly in the Party as an informant for the FBI, had advance notice of the formation of the California Democratic Clubs. PRUSSION states they had almost one years notice of the formation of these clubs when regular Democratic Party members were not aware of this action, and he stated that CRANSTON was the formator of this policy, and therefore, if the Party knew about it in advance, it is obvious that CRANSTON was either closely associated with Party members or other implications.

As a result of this type of talk, considerable controversy has erupted in Ventura County between the Republican and Democratic Party officials and workers, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and it is noted that her husband, [REDACTED] a contractor in Santa Paula, California, is the recently elected committeeman for the Democratic Party in Ventura County.

During these talks, PRUSSION was identified in newspaper items as an "ex FBI Agent," and that is the reason apparently, for [REDACTED] communicating with the Director concerning this point.

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Editor, The Star-Free Press:

Today I received a reply to a letter I wrote to J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director. Mr. Hoover replied to my inquiry whether Mr. Karl Prussion (Project Alert speaker) had ever been an FBI agent: "I would like to point out that Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a special agent for this Bureau."

Mr. Hoover stated that from 1949 to 1958 Mr. Prussion had given some information to the FBI for which he was paid.

JUNE MALAND,
811 Teague Drive,
Santa Paula.

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LIONS GATHER

Ex-Red to Reveal Danger

Karl Prussion, former member of the Communist Party and 12 years a counter-spy for the FBI, will address the Anaheim Lions Club Friday, March 9, at noon, at the Elks Club.

Chief witness in the House un-American Activities San Francisco riots in 1959, Prussion will speak of his 26 years with the Communist Party.

Several hundred service club members are expected to attend the meeting which is sponsored by the host Lions, Breakfast Lions and West Anaheim Lions Clubs of Anaheim.

Prussion, guest speaker at the recent Project Alert in Los Angeles, will discuss political subversion and politics in the State of California.

Prussion first became a Communist while a student at Wayne University in Detroit, Mich, in 1933.

"For the first four years I was a dedicated Communist," he said.

Then the repugnancy of the Party made him want to get out, he said.

Prussion said for 10 years he tried to get out of the Party but

was unable to. It was not until 1947 that he became a counter-spy for the FBI.

A high official in the party, Prussion was associated in creating auto industry strikes, and riots in the midwest. At one time he was to be sent to a theological school in New York to become a minister. The head of the theological school was also a member of the Communist Party, he said.

Prussion said the hardest problem in breaking with the Communist Party is that "the citizenry will not accept you."

"It was important that I be known as a counter-spy for the FBI," he said.

The Communists will take physical action against you before you try to leave the party, he said, but after the break is made, usually such violence is suppressed.

"They want to become known as a bona fide political party," Prussion said.



KARL PRUSSION

... counter-spy

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KARL PRUSSION
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KARL PRUSSION, 596 Panchita Way, Los Altos, California, on 5/21/62, advised that a group of former FBI informants in the communist field have formed a corporation known as Silent Guardians Association, Inc. He advised he has been appointed as Director of the Corporation, headquarters of which are at 270 South Alexandria Avenue, Los Angeles 4, California.

He understands from former informant MOSELLE KLINGER of Los Angeles, that there are approximately 15 members in the organization. He said the purpose is to assist former FBI informants in obtaining employment and also to set up a speakers bureau to make these people available for speaking engagements. He said he had never met with the full group and does not know the names of other members as yet. He said he will furnish these names to this office when he learns the full membership. When he meets with the group, he is going to urge that a letter be directed to Mr. HOOVER, setting forth complete membership and specific aims and purposes of the organization. Any additional information, when obtained, will be furnished to the Bureau and Los Angeles promptly.

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Facts of complaint <i>C received issue No. 1 of subject newsletter in the mail. The masthead indicates it is an anti-Communist newsletter. The editor is shown as Carl Brussian. C stated he would send this newsletter in to the FBI-LA.</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><i>KARL BRUSSIAN</i> <i>61-77-2-116</i> <i>1-5-112</i> <i>92-5329-1-1-1</i> <i>1-12-1121</i> <i>1-21-1121</i></div> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>134-1427-39</i></div>					
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DATE: 8/3/62

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FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT - SAN FRANCISCO
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 8/2/62, [redacted] advised that PRUSSIAN became ill in her car in downtown Los Angeles that evening. He was treated by her physician, [redacted], who diagnosed the problem as complete exhaustion.

PRUSSIAN will be given EKG and other tests at the Westlake Medical Center, Westlake Boulevard, on 8/3/62. He will keep his room at the Biltmore Hotel for the time being, according to [redacted]

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: *KARL PRUSSIAN*
~~HOLLYWOOD HILLS FREEDOM CLUB~~

The attached note was mailed to the writer by
[REDACTED]

She and her mother are rabidly anti-Semitic and anti-Communist. The type that is convinced that all Jews are Communists.

She is unreliable when labeling Communists but in cases like this where she is primarily relating names and occurrences she is normally accurate.

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The Hollywood Hills Freedom Club was formed ~~last~~ group of patriotic Citizens living in the Laurel Canyon area to combat the Wonderland Youth Center group.

They have private meetings about once a month in the homes of members and open meetings to which the public is invited which are held in the Wonderland School. Such speakers as Don Jackson, Julia Brown, Matt Cvetic, etc. are featured.

Sept. 20, 1962, a closed meeting was held at the home of members, [redacted]

[redacted] Hollywood.
It was my understanding that a [redacted] called [redacted] a member of the group to inquire if she knew where there might be a meeting going on that night. (any meeting, I guess). He had Karl Prussian in tow and said that K.P. was low in funds and could we help. [redacted] phoned [redacted] who said "O.K" [redacted] picked up Prussian and [redacted] at the Biltmore. and brought them to the [redacted] *is P's agent.*

K.P. gave an excellent talk and of course, plugged his forthcoming book. He claimed to be the only agent working at the behest of the FBI. In other words, by request of the bureau, he stayed in the party. I asked what about R na Vale and he said that he had never heard of her. For no reason that I could see, he said that a picture in his book was and I quote: "At the risk of being called an anti-Semite, is very schmaltzy". Naturally, some innocent soul later inquired of my mother if Mr. P. were not Jewish. My mother assured him he was and we wonder at the statement. After the question period, Mr. Prussian announced that he had a good \$40.00 check and could any of the group ~~take~~ cash it. No one could but his agent jumped to his feet and suggested that those of us who had ordered the book, could pay in advance.

~~Prussian's agent~~
In addition, the plate was passed and no one was crude enough to put in silver-just bills. After the meeting was over, [redacted] a seedy-looking character, told me that until he took over as Matt Cvetic's agent that Matt made nothing. 6 mos with [redacted] and he was a success. Prussian will be in the area for some time and I guess is available for speeches. I don't mean to imply that Prussian isn't all right but I was taken aback at the check ruse and didn't appreciate the crude way that his financial problems were solved. Plus my opinion of [redacted] is low. In conjunction, "Women for America" a group composed mostly of Jewish women (Marian Miller is their patron saint) had Prussian at the Beverly Hilton and I guess helped to sell his book, I wish to emphasize that The Hollywood Hills Freedom Club is composed of good Americans who try to keep informed.

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FROM : SUPV. JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN

On 9/27/62, [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, phone [redacted] telephonically advised
KARL PRUSSIAN is the author of a new book which is currently
being distributed throughout the United States. She stated
he is being represented by [redacted] who reportedly lives
on [redacted] Hollywood. [redacted] was also a representative
for MATT CVETIC, deceased. [redacted] claims to have been a
former Los Angeles Police Department Officer and further
[redacted] is not his true name. [redacted] described [redacted]
as a "blowhard" type who is not doing PRUSSIAN any good.
He is generally disheveled, dresses poorly, clothes need
pressing. He is always in a hurry and seemingly is constantly
promoting not only himself but PRUSSIAN. [redacted] claims to
have a contract with PRUSSIAN, one of the clauses of which
guarantees him 50% of all the returns enjoyed by PRUSSIAN
from the sale of his new book.

[redacted] noted that PRUSSIAN allegedly makes
from between 75 to 100 dollars per week despite the sale
of his book and the numerous talks that he gives for which
he receives no remuneration. He allegedly has a wife and
two children who are in dire financial straits.
PRUSSIAN is presently residing at the Biltmore Hotel where
his hotel bill is paid for by a [redacted] Although
PRUSSIAN has been invited to stay in private homes, he is
reluctant to do so because he is afraid he might be
"set up and killed."

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KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SF 1740-S

On 9-18-62 [] made available a transcription of the Tom Duggan TV show of the interview of KARL PRUSSIAN of 9-10-62 on Channel 11 KTTV in Los Angeles.

An additional copy of this transcription was made available by [] on 9-28-62 to SA ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS and is enclosed herewith for your information.

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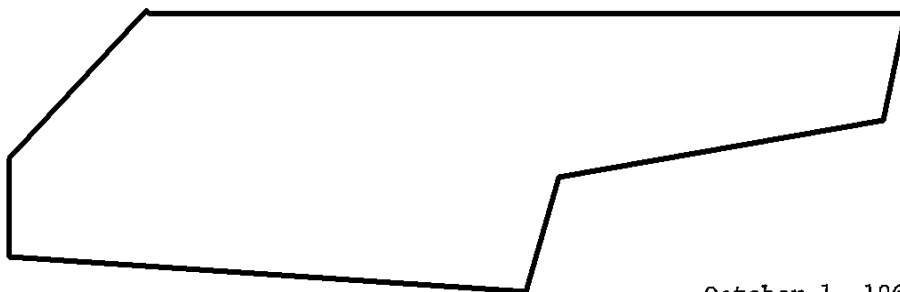
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October 1, 1962

Mr. William G. Simon
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California

Dear Bill:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed
booklet entitled "California Dynasty of Communism"
by Karl Prusson. It was sent to us with a request
that we buy a large number of them and distribute
them. This we declined to do.

Sincerely



Encl.

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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California

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Thank you for your letter of
October 1, 1962 and its enclosure.

I read the booklet with interest,
and appreciate your bringing it to my attention.

Very truly yours,


W. G. SIMON
Special Agent in Charge

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<p>Complainant advised that this church, which he did not identify, had engaged KARL PRESSMAN to speak as an Anti-Communist and wanted to know whether the FBI would advise whether he was in fact a former informant of the FBI and just what his background in the Communist Field has been.</p> <p>Complainant was advised that records of the FBI are confidential and that under no circumstances does the FBI clear or otherwise indicate whether an individual is competent to speak on the subject of Communism or is an Anti-Communist.</p>					
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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

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FROM : SUPV. PAUL L. MACK

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION

At 4:35 p.m. 10/5/62, [redacted] of Freedom Press, 1310 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, telephone 389-9435, advised that he was interested in PRUSSION who had recently published a pamphlet called "California Dynasty of Communism." [redacted] wanted to know if PRUSSION was ever an Agent of the FBI.

[redacted] After a review of PRUSSION's file, I called [redacted] at 4:40 p.m. and informed him that PRUSSION was not employed by the FBI as an Agent, but that he did furnish information confidentially to the FBI from 1949 to 1958, for which he was compensated.

[redacted] was appreciative of this information.

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'Counterspy' Raps Mosk Statements

Former "FBI counterspy" Karl Prussion Tuesday night demanded a retraction by California Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk of "defamatory" statements he said were made by Mosk against him.

Prussion, witness against more than 30 "Communists" at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing in San Francisco in 1960, issued his "demand for retraction before suit" moments before addressing 190 persons in Rossmore public school. He accused Mosk of using "California Department of Justice" stationery for letter claiming Prussion recently went bankrupt and ridiculing persons who read Prussion's literature. Mosk also threatened libel action against persons distributing that literature, Prussion said.

Selling for 50 cents a copy at the meeting was Prussion's pamphlet in which a picture of Gov. Edmund G. Brown praying is shown on a page facing a picture of an angry-looking Nikita Khrushchev.

IN QUOTATION marks by Gov. Brown's picture are these words, "Premier Khrushchev, we who admire you, we who respect you, welcome you to California."

By Khrushchev's picture are these words, "When we spit in the face of an American he thinks it's dew."

In his speech, Prussion bitterly criticized "ivory-tower professors" and the American Civil Liberties Union.

"To fight Communists," he said in referring to the ACLU, "we must also fight those who protect Communists."

Prussion said there are 36,000 hard-core Communists in the U.S., half of them in California, utilizing democratic institutions to destroy our country.

He strongly urged voters' approval of Prop. 24, anti-Communist amendment, in the Nov. 6 election.

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CALIFORNIA.

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Demos File \$500,000, Get Ban on Pamphlet

A temporary order restraining within the Communist con-
ing distribution of a pamph- spiracy, was attached to the
let reportedly smearing Gov. complaint.

Brown and other Democratic The action was filed by the
party candidates as "red ap- Democratic State Central
peasers" was granted today Committee through Eugene
by Superior Judge Kenneth L. Wyman, state chairman,
N. Chantry. Elizabeth Rudel Gatov, na-
tional committeewoman, and
Roger Kent, state central
committee.

He issued the order at the Named as defendants in ad-
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officials, who filed a suit for mand Feightman, Dayton A.
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the pamphlet "California Schoepe, Legislative Research,
Dynasty of Communism" vio- Inc., of Orange County, and 60
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address of the printer and
publisher.

PLAINTIFFS .

A copy of the 33-page book- tion of the pamphlet until
let, allegedly written by Karl Nov. 7, when the defendants
Prussian, identified in it as must appear to present argu-
a former FBI counterspy ments against the charges.

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newspaper, city and state.)

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Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 10/29/62
Edition: 8th Star
Author:
Editor: Herbert A. Arauch
Title:

Character: KARL PRUSSIAN
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Former Communist Airs Crisis Views

Khrushchev would rather call a summit conference than a war at this time, a former Communist visiting Torrance said Wednesday night.

But, he added, if war comes, the Communist apparatus in California is organized to sabotage our defenses. Personnel is already assigned to disrupt industry.

The prophet who predicts a diplomatic power play rather than a bombing is Karl Prussion, a member of the Communist party for 26 years and an FBI counter-spy in the party for 12.

Knows Communist Mind

On the basis of having lived for a generation as a party member, Prussion thinks he knows the Communist mind.

Prussion spoke at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Redondo Beach last night under sponsorship of the South Bay Anti-Communist Committee. Before his speech, while visiting in Torrance, he reviewed his own experience with communism.

One of Few

He said he is one of the few persons (maybe the only one) to have been a Communist first and a counterspy second.

"You know of former Communists," he said, "who have left the party and cooperated with the FBI. Bella Dodd is an example. But they never worked as counterspys. They were out of the party when they testified for the government.

"On the other hand, people like Mark Philbrick and Matt Cuthbert

protest it. The student organization was a Communist front, although I didn't know it at first.

Chairman of Group

"I became its chairman on our campus, and, when the tuition wasn't raised, I felt pretty good about it.

"People began to talk with me about communism. Two of my teachers, my economics professor and my sociology professor, asked me to join the party.

"No, they didn't disguise the fact that they were talking about the Communist party. They didn't call it anything else, but they talked with such idealism that it appealed to me.

"The students asked me to join—a football player, a member of the student council—so I did."

It only took four years for Prussion to discover he'd been sold out.

Apple Full of Worms

"I'd been offered a shiny apple," he said, "but it was full of worms."

The young idealist became disturbed when he discovered Communist contempt for the family and for the individual.

"The entire time I was in the party," he said, "I never heard the word 'I' or the singular 'you.' It was always 'the masses'."

But the crowning, criminal cynicism that sent Prussion racing to the FBI was the party attitude toward an industrial accident.

"A workman lost his hand," Prussion recalled. "I was full of sympathy and sorrow and wanted to help him. But do you know how members of the cell reacted?"

Party Glad

"They were glad the man's hand had been cut off. They were delighted. It gave them an opportunity to demonstrate against capitalist management and to accuse it of forcing employees to work under unsafe conditions."

Prussion was tired, too, of the constant civil disturbances the Communists whipped up.

When he decided to inform on the party, he discovered that it wasn't easy. He approached a variety of agencies and was rebuffed by each.

Asks for Help

"Finally," he said, "in 1947 the FBI more or less came to me and asked for my help."

After 12 years as a counterspy, he asked permission to leave Bureau service in order to lecture and write about communism.

His booklet, "California Dynasty of Communism," has become an issue in the current gubernatorial campaign after it was denounced as a Republican "smear" recently by prominent Democrats.

Richard Nixon, Republican candidate for governor, has denied that the Republicans are connected with the publication.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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November 2, 1962

Director, FBI (61-9152)

KARL PRUSSION
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SF 1740-S

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As you are aware, Prussion is a former informant of the San Francisco Office.

Los Angeles is instructed to discreetly obtain Prussion's album and forward it to the Bureau along with any pertinent observations your office may have from a review of the album.

The Bureau would also welcome any information the San Francisco Office has concerning the contents of the album in question.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles (134-1427)

DATE: November 2, 1962

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (61-9152)

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-16) DATE: 10/26/62
FROM: SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S WORLD
REGISTRATION ACT

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	10/14/62	10/22/62	Writer	[REDACTED] (WR)

Informant furnished the following written report:

cc: [REDACTED]

100-7500 [REDACTED]
100-18548 (BEN MARGOLIS)
100-39704 [REDACTED]
100-20874 (CHARLOTTA BASS)
100-61645 [REDACTED]
100-43317 [REDACTED]
100-40242 (SCOTT NEARING)
100-30439 [REDACTED]
100-30537 [REDACTED]
100-4663 (BEN DOBES)
100-23931 [REDACTED]
100-40441 [REDACTED]
100-4963 [REDACTED]
100-23660 (ROSE CHERNIN)
100-25403 [REDACTED]
100-20874 (CHARLOTTA BASS)
100-27495 (SARAH YELIN)
100-21393 [REDACTED]

100-54242 [REDACTED]
100-31358 [REDACTED]
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100-39463 [REDACTED]
100-37459 [REDACTED]
100-4426 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
100-26102 [REDACTED]
100-21848 [REDACTED]
100-22822 [REDACTED]
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"Oct. 20, 1962

"A function, to honor SCOTT NEARING, sponsored by the So. Calif. P.W. Committee, took place on Oct. 14, 1962 at the Park Manor, 607 S. Western Ave. L.A.

"REUBEN BURROUGH opened the function with breif remarks about the P.W. and then introduced the chairman of the evening, BEN MARGOLIS, who also spoke briefly and then introduced the 1st speaker SAM KUSHNER of the L.A. Peoples World office. KUSHNER spoke mostly on the election campaign and Proposition 24. KUSHNER read part of a pamphlet, published by CARL PRUSSION, in which a number of organizations were listed as subversive. He sharply criticized the pamphlet and concluded his talk by showing high praise at the P.W.

"Next to be introduced by the chairman was CHARLOTTA BASS, who said that she now resides in Lake Elsenore for health reasons. After glorifying the P.W., she made a strong appeal for funds to keep the P.W. going. About \$1000.- were contributed for the P.W. at this function. Including in the amount were several large contributions. One for \$1000.- and two for \$500.-each.

"When the pitch was over, the chairman introduced PEARL WHITLOW, who sang a number of songs, accompanied at the piano by WALDIMER HEELE. PEARL WHITLOW also sang at the opening of the function.

"The main speaker of the evening, SCOTT NEARING, was then introduced by the chairman. NEARING spoke for 45 minutes. He described his visits to the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries, telling the participants that he has seen Socialism beeing built and people living happily under Socialism. NEARING spoke with great enthusiasm about the many things he has seen while travelling to the Socialist countries. He said, Capitalism in the United States has become absolete and suggested Socialism take it's place. He concluded his talk by calling for a stepped up activity against intervention in Cuba and cautioned the U.S. government not to date intervene or raise a hand against Cuba or any other Socialist countries.

"There were about 800 persons present at this function. Including those introduced by the chairman who sat

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"at the main table were:



ROSE CHERNIN



CHARLOTTA BASS
SARA VELLEW



"Others there were:





ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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CANDIDATES NOT QUALIFIED TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

(Indicate page, name of
newspaper, city and state.)

A-19 Herald-Examiner
Los Angeles, Calif.

The Communist subversives in California drive forward to a strong left (UNISM).

The inroad, particularly in politics. THE MEN WHO HELP UN-
WITTINGLY opinion, being used successfully by the Commu-
nists. I DO NOT SAY IN ANY WAY. I base my statement on 12 years' experience.

Date: 11/5/62
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GOV. EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN

BROWN HUMBLE BEFORE NIKITA

Governor Pat Brown over the years has established a record which shows he lacks understanding of the seriousness of the communist menace. "Premier Khrushchev, we who admire you, we who respect you, welcome you to California." These are the words of greeting by Pat Brown, the Governor of our great State to Dictator Khrushchev, who rules an empire built of mountains of human skeletons and rivers of blood.

Is it, therefore, any wonder that Nikita was able to make the following statement to a press conference immediately thereafter in Moscow, "When you spit in the face of an American, he thinks it's dew!"

Brown continued eulogizing representatives of Communist tyranny on May 8, 1962 by sending a telegram in which he honored Astronaut Titov at a reception arranged by the American Russian Institute, of which Dr. Holland Roberts and Michael Shepavalev (clearly identified communists) are Directors. The telegram was read in a Cheshire-cat manner to a multitude of communists, their sympathizers and red liberals by none other than Holland Roberts, communist international emissary.



BROWN LAUDS COMMUNIST FRONT AND RED PUBLICATION

Governor Brown's picture appeared on the front page of the official communist organ for Leninist work among the farmers, THE FARM REPORTER, their 20th anniversary edition, published in 1961. A letter from Governor Brown to the Farm Legislative and Research Committee, appeared below his photograph. He highly commended this organization and its press (THE FARM REPORTER) for the superb work they have been doing on behalf of the farmers of America.

(Pettis Perry, Chairman of the Farm Commission of the Communist Party, in July, 1951, at a closed meeting of the hierarchy of the conspiracy made the following statement: "Along with the question of building the Party, we must build all of the left and Marxist press. In California we have the Farm Reporter. This should be built into a mass publication. It would be most helpful in advancing our work among the farmers.")

The editors of this Red propaganda sheet and the leaders of the Farm Legislative and Research committee were: Phillip Hunt Davis, William Reich and Grace McDonald; all three clearly identified as hardcore dedicated communists, by various governmental agencies.

LEFTIES SUPPORT BROWN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

In 1946, when Brown successfully ran for Attorney General of the State of California, he received widespread support in his campaign from a variety of communist-controlled and saturated organizations such as the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions, the National Citizens Political Action Committee, and the Conference of Studio Unions.

BROWN BEATS THE SUPREME COURT ON RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

The American people were justifiably shocked by the recent anti-God decision of the Supreme Court. However it is not commonly known that Governor Brown, when Attorney General of this State in 1955, PROHIBITED THE USAGE OF THE BIBLE FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE ALSO ORDERED DISCONTINUING OF THE USE OF THE GIDEON BIBLE AND PREVENTED RELIGIOUS PRAYERS FROM SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

BROWN URGES STUDENTS TO PRACTICE NON-CONFORMISM

The Governor, in an address to the graduating class of the Santa Clara University, in 1961, encouraged the students to challenge "the status quo." He stated, "Thank God for the spectacle of students picketing." (East Bay Labor Journal, June 16, 1961.)

The Governor unwittingly gave an able assist to the pro-communist forces on our campuses when he ignored a plea by a large delegation of citizens to prevent communist Frank Wilkinson from appearing on the podium at the University of California.

It is most interesting to note that the Governor today, for opportunistic reasons, is "supporting" the House Committee on Un-American Activities; however, in actuality he was quoted as telling school officials that they could not fire teachers "who stand on their constitutional rights before witch-hunting committees." (People's World, July 23, 1953.)

BROWN AND COMMUNIST BANQUET

On November 10, 1945, a banquet was held honoring the American Youth for Democracy, an official communist youth organization. Listed among the committee members for this dedication was none other than Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

GOVERNOR BROWN AND CHANCELLOR GALLAGHER

It was the Governor who arranged for the appointment of one ship of the Colleges of the State of California. Gallagher was detriment to our institutions of higher learning by virtue of his and activities.

Regardless, the Governor staunchly defended Gallagher, as a v as a model educator of our young people. Gallagher was a notorious communists as his campaign managers when he ran steadily mounted and met with a rebuff by the governor. G the protests of Governor Brown.

After his resignation, Brown proclaimed that the "radical investigation not yet published reveals that Buell Gallagher SPONSORS OF THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOV

MORRIS STANLEY MOSK

MOSK FAILS TO

INVESTIGATE TEACHERS

On Feb. 2, 1960, Attorney General Mosk negated the value of reports provided by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 107 previously subpoenaed teachers. He ruled that "... the statements even though they are from allegedly reliable sources are of absolutely no value and may be completely discounted." Thus, 107 suspect "educators" still flourish in our school system by the grace of Stanley Mosk. A two fistet Attorney General would immediately order an investigation of alleged subversive teachers in our educational system.

MOSK TARGET-YOUTH

On February 11, 1944, the Daily People's World reported American Youth for Democracy was conducting an oratorical Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk, a Los Angeles Assembly Democracy officer would act as judges at finals of the contest. "The American Youth for Democracy was formed in 1943 League for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a perience and craving to join which is characteristic of Ameri 18, 1947).

MOSK LABOR PAINS

According to the "People's World" of March 23, 1944, Stanley the Westside District of the International Workers' Order at the rum." He was also to be a guest on May 30, 1943 at a "May This organization was described as "one of the strongest, the organizations among communist front movements... it has to Communist Party campaigns, and regularly sponsors Com for public office." (U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle in the 1942.)

MOSK AND THE NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

According to the Los Angeles Daily Journal (law journal) of S was a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Chap. "It constantly espouses Communist causes and has on in Communist front. The National Lawyers' Guild has a high p (Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report, March 29, In recent years, Attorney General Mosk has appointed Lawy

MOSK AND THE A.J.C.

According to the "California Eagle," Mr. Mosk was chairman meeting held at the Philharmonic Auditorium on January 1 Division of the American Jewish Congress was cited in 1948 convention in 1948 it went on record against loyalty checks a Congressional Committees and the California Committee a Communist party line policies were continued and enlarged at

MOSK AND THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

The Attorney General has been guest of honor and featured sp by the American Civil Liberties Union. This organization is a It is through the efforts primarily of the A.C.L.U. and the N.A.A.



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Garden Grove, Calif.
Nov 2, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dept' of Federal Beauru of Investigation

Dear Sir:

I wonder if you can tell me how, I, a voter, can tell if written statements about candidates are true or not. Without taking each statement or innuendo about every person or organization to court, myself.

I have always tried to the best of my ability to hear and read both sides of every political situation. I don't like to vote straight Republican or Democrat although I am a registered voter. Republican. I have been very distressed at what I think is a horrible smear campaign against the candidates in the Democrat party. Yesterday, I wondered if I hadn't picked up the phrases "smear" and "hate litature" in innocense. I have been receiving a lot of material from the "Freedom Forum" it has been sent by friends in the John Birch Society. Yesterday, I received the pamphlet "California Dynasty of Communism" by Karl Prussion. This pamphlet was shocking to me. His claim that he is a former employee of the F.B.I. & his offer to be sued over any statement in the booklet spurred me on. I phoned both party headquarters here to see how they stood, on these statements. The Demo's. of course denied every charge--The Rep. denied any association with the material but gave me unofficially their feeling the general attitude expressed could be true.

I then called the local F.B.I. in Santa Ana. I hadn't realized they couldn't answer my questions. I wanted to know if Karl Prussion was a a former member of the F.B.I. --if California was

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seriously threatened by internal communism and finally if he could tell me, where could I find out? I realize after thinking over his "no comment" policy why this has to be. But how can a person know the truth. It seems unfair that material is put out by ex-F. employees which gives it the stamp of truth, or couldn't anyone, they were former members if it is impossible to verify?

I hope you can tell me how I can sift out facts. Tell
you.

Sincerely,



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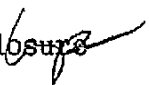
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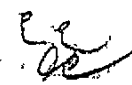

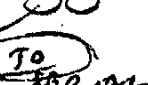

While I would like to be of assistance, I cannot
be of any aid to you regarding the questions you posed. I would
like to point out that Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by
furnishing information on subversive activities from November,
1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated.
He was not, however, a Special Agent. His actions have been
personal ventures, and the FBI is not in a position to comment
on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC 100-0

DATE: 11/10/62

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FROM : EDWARD J. KIRBY, SA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
Information concerning

[REDACTED] Anaheim, Calif. telephonically contacted the Santa Ana Resident Agency 11/10/62 and advised he wanted know the story on the man who is to speak tonight at the Central Baptist Church in Anaheim. He said this man's name is not known to him, but the man has some military rank. The man appeared on the TOM DUGGAN SH 11/9/62.

[REDACTED] said the man speaks against Communism and he made remarks concerning the Democratic Party being soft on Communism. He went on that this man also hands out a booklet purporting to show how the Communists are going to take over. [REDACTED] went on that he did not like what the man had to say about the Democratic Party and he thought what the man doing in handling ~~out~~ the booklet indicates the man is a Communist.

[REDACTED] was told the files of the F.B.I. are confidential and the information contained therein is confidential.

[REDACTED] attempted to become argumentative and wanted to know if the F.B.I. was going to be present to listen to what the man said. He stated that if he had any information indicating the individual was disloyal or if he were violating the law, he, [REDACTED] should bring the matter to attention.

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FROM: SAC LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

KARL PRUSSIAN, INFO CONCERNING

KARL PRUSSIAN today advised a source whose name he does not want to disclose, advised him that one [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif., has alleged he contacted the FBI, Los Angeles, exact date not stated, and was told by personnel on duty the FBI had had evidence that PRUSSIAN had been engaged in espionage in behalf of the Soviets. Further, the FBI in view of this evidence had "blackmailed" PRUSSIAN into working as an informant for the FBI.

PRUSSIAN has never heard of [redacted] before and stated the allegation is false and slanderous. He declared smears and rumors against him have been on the increase since his involvement in a pending injunction suit. He stated he would obtain whatever information he could concerning [redacted] and promptly furnish the same to the FBI. He noted his purpose in furnishing the forgoing to the Bureau was because this was the first time to his knowledge that such a rumor has been used against him.

PRUSSIAN stated he knows the FBI's policy of furnishing information and regards the forgoing as being completely fictitious.

Indices of the LA office searched, numerous [redacted] noted, but none are identical basis information furnished by PRUSSIAN which is only the address of [redacted]

[Pending receipt of additional information re [redacted] LA will locate and interview him to determine basis for PRUSSIAN's allegation, WACB.]

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 11/12/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CARL PRUSSION
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At 3:25 p.m. this date [REDACTED] who stated he was well acquainted with Supervisor JOHN S. TEMPLE, telephonically advised that he was at that moment with CARL PRUSSION and they both were visiting a friend's home, address refused, telephone [REDACTED] stated that they wanted to make known the fact that there was currently a rumor being circulated to the effect that CARL PRUSSION had been caught in a compromising position which involved him in espionage activity by the FBI a number of years ago and that through the use of this lever, the FBI forced PRUSSION into doing undercover work for the Bureau.

[REDACTED] stated that Mr. PRUSSION wanted to furnish the name of the person who started this rumor and to give details concerning statements made by that individual to the effect that his information had been received from the FBI.

SA [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that Supervisor TEMPLE was temporarily unavailable, but that he would make every effort to have Mr. TEMPLE call him at the above number at which [REDACTED] stated he would remain for about one hour, until 4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] stated that in the event they left that number before Mr. TEMPLE called he would call this office later in the evening and leave another number.

At 4:15 p.m. SA [REDACTED] made this information available to TEMPLE who stated he would attempt to reach [REDACTED]

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

KARL PRUSSION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 11/12/62.

On 11/23/62 at 9:50 a.m., [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles Office at which time she was interviewed by SA JOHN S. TEMPLE. [redacted] stated she is the one who advised Mr. PRUSSION of the allegations as set forth in paragraph one of referenced Los Angeles airtel. [redacted] resides at [redacted] Los Angeles 6 (telephone [redacted] and [redacted] at this address.

She stated she based the allegation upon a remark that had been made to her by her husband, [redacted] aka [redacted] who claimed to have gone to the FBI Office sometime during the first week of November 1962, at which time an agent allegedly told him that the FBI had learned PRUSSION was engaged in espionage on behalf of the Russians and used this knowledge against PRUSSION to make him an informant for the FBI. [redacted] stated she knew the FBI does not furnish information of this type to anyone outside of the FBI and realized that the information furnished to her by her husband was fallacious; nevertheless, because of her friendship with PRUSSION, she decided to tell him what her husband had said.

[redacted] stated, by way of background and to explain her relationship with Mr. PRUSSION, that she is and has been a member of the John Birch Society; further, she and a number of lady friends are engaged in a policy of writing letters to Government officials, newspapers, and the like on behalf of anticommunist activities. During the first part of 1962, she wrote some letters to various public officials in the state of California questioning the support these individuals were publicly giving to California State Attorney General STANLEY MOSK.

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One such letter was written to former Sheriff GENE BISCAILUZ. Although she never received a letter from BISCAILUZ, she did receive an answer from Mr. MOSK, who wrote a somewhat derogatory letter regarding Mr. PRUSSION. She then contacted Mr. PRUSSION through Silent Guardians, Inc., Los Angeles, telling him of this letter. He requested and received the original MOSK letter which he now has in his file.

She stated she then met with PRUSSION on several other occasions and had the opportunity of taking him to various speeches given by him in the Los Angeles area. She also picked him up once or twice at the Los Angeles International Airport as well as returning him to the airport.

She was with Mr. PRUSSION one night when he collapsed in her car, and it was necessary for her to take him to his hotel room at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles and secure medical assistance for him.

She noted that she and her husband have not been on good terms during the past several years although they do live with one another and he conducts most if not all of her business transactions. She stated her husband is a responsible individual who is Republican in his politics but not completely in sympathy with someone like PRUSSION. He is not a member of the John Birch Society.

[redacted] advised that several months ago her husband stated that while driving her [redacted] he was stopped by two men who claimed to be private detectives, at which time they asked to see his driver's license and make him further identify himself.

She stated he again told her that in or about October 1962 he was again stopped while driving his wife's car by two men who claimed to be private detectives, at which time they told him they were investigating PRUSSION and that they had tapped his telephone and had him under constant surveillance. He stated they played a tape recording for him about PRUSSION in their car and indicated they wanted him to bring charges against PRUSSION, alleging PRUSSION was breaking up KELLY's marriage.

[redacted] stated she was unable to account for her husband's accusations and allegations. She did not believe him to be extraordinarily jealous but stated this might be a

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possible motivation for his action. She stated Mr. PRUSSION is not aware that his telephone is being tapped or that he is under constant surveillance, and when she related the foregoing to him he scoffed stating it was fiction.

[redacted] stated her purpose in coming to the FBI Office was to try to furnish some background for the accusation her husband had made involving the FBI. She reiterated she did not believe there was the slightest element of truth to her husband's remarks.

She stated her husband is currently on a business venture at Cave Junction, Oregon. She noted he actually is staying at an area three miles south of Cave Junction on the Redwood Highway just 34 miles south of Grant's Pass, Oregon. She did not expect him to return to Los Angeles until the latter part of December 1962.

Inasmuch as [redacted] appears to be motivated by jealousy and is apparently attempting to dissuade his wife from seeing PRUSSION, and in the absence of any recorded contact that [redacted] may have had with the Los Angeles Office, it is recommended that no further action be taken in this matter UACB.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

11/23/62

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KARL PRUSSION
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SF-1740-S

Reference: Bulet dated 11/2/62 captioned as above.

By separate cover, together with a copy of this letter, there is being forwarded to the Bureau a long-play record "Inside A Communist Cell" by KARL PRUSSION. Side one of this record is a five-part question-and-answer type of thing.

Part A

PRUSSION states that communism is not political but criminal and that communists do not just sit around studying Marxism but they study how to corrupt the youth and how to poison drinking water. He stated that he attended a school in Farmington, Michigan, taught by one GERTRUDE HESSLER (ph.) whom he described as a professional saboteur from Moscow and he was trained in sabotage, house-to-house fighting, setting up barricades, seizure of police stations and in "every technique of violence."

Part B

PRUSSION states that he was a football player at Wayne University, and the communists got to him by "lionizing" him. He stated he later learned that one of his fellow football players as well as a professor at Wayne University, neither of whom did he identify by name, were communists. He stated that clergymen do not become communists but communists become clergymen, and that is why there were so many communist clergymen.

He then told of how a serious accident occurred to a fellow worker in an auto plant and how the communists in the plant gloated over the injury to the man as they could use it for propaganda purposes against management. PRUSSION stated that following this incident he thought about leaving the party but it was almost twelve years later before he finally pulled out. He stated that what prompted him to finally leave the

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Party was that he felt "we were losing the fight" against communism and he could better fight communism from the outside with the knowledge he had gained while in the Party.

Part C

PRUSSION stated that his first CP assignment in connection with religion was to organize the ministers in Flint, Michigan, into a CP front group and he succeeded in getting twelve ministers into this group. He stated only one was actually a CP member but through this front over forty youths were groomed and later recruited into the Young Communists League.

PRUSSION stated that there is widespread communist penetration in our churches and that he had sat in CP meetings with clergymen. He specifically mentioned STEPHEN H. FRITCHEMAN (now a minister of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles) as one clergyman he accompanied to a CP meeting.

He stated he was asked by the CP to enroll in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, to study to become a Methodist minister. He stated that an invitation was issued to him to enter the Union Theological Seminary by HARRY F. WARD, whom he described as a Methodist minister and an important voice today in the National Council of Churches. He stated WARD was then a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary, but he did not elaborate as to how the invitation to him was arranged. He stated that he decided not to study for the ministry and did not follow through on this.

Part D

PRUSSION states that communists take a pledge to give their lives for the Soviet Union and communism if necessary, and he told of how communist songs are written to the tune of well-known songs. As examples, he sang a song written to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland" and another written to the tune of a religious song entitled "Jesus Is Our Savior."

Part E

PRUSSION discusses communist labor and strike techniques. He told of how a CP leader in Michigan named NAT GANDY (ph.) urged CP club members to engage in violence on a picket line so that "blood will flow" bringing the police in to quell the riot and thereby promote public

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sympathy for the strikers. He stated that at one time thirty communists in a large plant in Michigan succeeded in shutting down the plant. PRUSSION urged union members to attend union meetings and not let the communists gain control and to know what is going on in the unions.

Side two of the record purports to be a "reenactment of actual cell meeting" at which, among other things, plans were made for the so-called San Francisco student riots.

In the introduction to side two, PRUSSION states that the so-called San Francisco riots against the HCUA were plotted in Moscow years before they actually took place in San Francisco. He states that the reenactment of a cell meeting will illustrate how the planning for the San Francisco riots actually took place. However, it was noted that only a small part of the "so-called cell meeting" concerned itself with the anti-HCUA demonstration in San Francisco.

A woman took the part of chairman of the cell meeting and referred to everyone by first name proceeded by the word "Comrade." She stated that the meeting would be an abbreviated one so that everyone could go and attend a city council meeting to agitate for consolidating metropolitan government.

She then introduced a man as Comrade ED, who told of recently attending a national convention of the CP. Comrade ED stated that one of the primary targets of the Party was to destroy the HUAC and praised the work being done in the San Francisco area in this regard.

He stated that other projects of the Party were to discredit the FBI, destroy the CONNELLY Amendment, fight for unilateral disarmament, fight for the United Nations, oppose loyalty oaths, downgrade patriotic ceremonies such as saluting the flag and observing patriotic holidays.

The chairman of the club then ordered all comrades to give one day's pay to the Party, which Comrade ED had suggested.

The chairman then called on various comrades in the club to give reports, one giving a report on his democratic club, another on the PTA, another on trade union activities, etc.

The over-all impression is that the record is amateurish and poorly organized both as to content and order of presentation.

[REDACTED]
La Mesa, Calif.
Nov. 27, 1962

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Dear Mr. Temple,

My husband and I have been instrumental in arranging speaking engagements for Mr. Karl Prussion in the San Diego area. We are in a position to continue to do this from time to time and we anticipate doing so .

However, lately we find that there seems to be an effort afoot to discredit his authenticity, even by supposedly well informed people. These people are influential and in a position to undermine our efforts to secure further engagements for Mr. Prussion. There are no doubts in our minds concerning him but we must be able to effectively combat such statements as, " Well Mrs. so and so's son who was with the FBI said, Prussion didn't ever really work for the FBI and they were glad to get him off their back, etc, etc, etc."

Therefore, would you be so kind as to write the type of letter on official stationery which would help us once and for all clarify his status? I spoke with him last week concerning this matter and he gave your name to me as one who might be able to help us. Anything that you can do to aid us will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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1340 West Sixth Street
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[REDACTED]
La Mesa, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of
November 27, 1962.

In response to your question,
Karl Prussion assisted the Federal
Bureau of Investigation by furnishing
information on subversive activities
from November 1949 to July 1958, during
which time he was compensated for his
services. It should be noted, however,
that he was not a Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

W. G. SIMON *JST*
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7) (C)

KARL PRUSSION,
FORMER SF 1740-S

Re my letter dated 11/23/62 and Los Angeles
letter to Bureau, dated 11/23/62.

A tape of the record referred to in re letters
was obtained from [redacted]
Stanford University, who advised it had been copied at the
University from a commercial producer. That record no longer
in his possession.

The following comments are made by San Francisco
who agrees with the comments made by Los Angeles in their
referenced letter:

PRUSSION in the record made a talk on the dangers
of Communism, as mentioned in relet, and then presented a
dramatized version of what he said is the typical CP meeting.
The meeting purported to be held at Palo Alto in Santa Clara
County, California and it dramatized, with the characters
and situations considerably exaggerated apparently for dramatic
effect, a number of incidents which he had previously ex-
perienced in the CP.

Characters in the drama purported to report upon
successful CP penetration of PTA, church, trade union and
California democratic party organization. This was over-
drawn and gave the impression that the CP was much more
successful in these events than usually they are shown to be
by his reports on these matters.

Some of the incidents related to his early CP
activities in Detroit in the 1930s and we of course have no
informant reports of those incidents by which their accuracy
can be gauged. He has covered these matter generally in a
statement to the FBI made after he became an informant.

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It was noted that in the recording he portrayed the chairman of a meeting, controlling the meeting with a bell. The members singing communist songs, the meeting conducted with great formality with the general effect resembling some of the episodes from the television program "I Led Three Lives" but were not as professionally presented.

This was apparently a commercial record made possible for profit however the effect is an indictment of the CP and possible it would appear plausible to the general public and having the effect of alerting to the dangers of communism.

It reflects no discredit on the FBI, discloses no new information and does not identify the members of the Palo Alto Seal by name.

There appears to be no need for any action on this.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

DATE: 12/12/62

FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN

On 12/7/62, PRUSSIAN telephonically contacted SA TEMPLE at which time he stated the "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner" had published a full page advertisement against Governor EDMUND G. BROWN, Attorney General STANLEY MOSK, shortly prior to the 11/6/62 California Elections. The newspaper has received a request for retraction concerning certain portions of the advertisement from Attorney General MOSK. One portion of the advertisement which MOSK objected to was the statement that he, MOSK, had been a member of the Executive Board of the National Lawyers Guild. He also objected to a "People's World" (PW) account which was incarcerated into the advertisement which indicated that he had been a judge during the course of a Young Communist League debate.

PRUSSIAN stated he was currently checking actual documentations for the two afore-mentioned exceptions which had been taken by MOSK to the newspaper advertisement.

PRUSSIAN stated it was interesting to note that MOSK did not object to the advertisement as a whole.

PRUSSIAN stated he was making the foregoing information available to this Office for the completion of our files.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

DATE: 5/20/63

FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT
SAN FRANCISCO

On Friday, 5/17/63, [redacted] telephone [redacted] advised that during the latter part of 1962 he and PRUSSION were on friendly terms and as a matter of fact were interested in the formation of a committee whereby they could better fight communism. During the course of their alliance, [redacted] paid PRUSSION an unknown amount of money which PRUSSION promised to repay by Christmas 1962. He did pay [redacted] \$90, but [redacted] stated that PRUSSION is still heavily indebted to him. [redacted] stated he terminated his relationship with PRUSSION on or about 12/20/62.

[redacted] noted PRUSSION was well-regarded by ROBERT WELCH, of the John Birch Society; and WELCH seriously considered him for the American Opinion Speakers Bureau, which is a JBS-sponsored organization.

[redacted] is not sure whether or ^{not} PRUSSION is enrolled as a speaker in this organization.

[redacted] stated that a woman who has befriended PRUSSION and who may be of more than a passing interest to him is [redacted] San Diego 6.

[redacted] stated he recently heard PRUSSION claim to have read a book that [redacted] is currently writing for [redacted] BROWN, former security informant, Cleveland, and who presently resides in Los Angeles.

Further, PRUSSION is alleged to have told [redacted] that he did not like the book. This statement allegedly got back to [redacted] who was somewhat indignant that [redacted] her ghost writer, would let anyone other than the publisher read the book in manuscript form.

cc: [redacted]

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[redacted] described VIC KNIGHT as the owner of Key Records and an avowed anticommunist. He is associated with [redacted] whom [redacted] characterized as a troublemaker among anticommunists. It should be noted [redacted] record company is responsible for the KARL PRUSSION record on communism. YOUNG wanted to make it crystal clear that no one has read his manuscript relating to [redacted]

He was also strong in his condemnation of PRUSSION and noted that PRUSSION seems to be preying on patriotic Americans who are interested in fighting communism.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)(C)
SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION,
Former Security Informant,
San Francisco Division
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On 7/23/63, Deputy Sheriff [redacted]
a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Liaison
Detail, the identity of which must be treated confidentially,
orally advised Los Angeles he had received a telephone call
from an individual who identified himself as [redacted]
representing WSB-TV, Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] whose name should be concealed,
advised he was reached telephonically by [redacted] through the
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office switchboard, MADISON
6-9511, Extension 82192. [redacted] noted he was asked
for by name and specific telephone extension, which is
extremely unusual since a very few people are even aware
the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office has a Liaison Detail.

[redacted] stated that one [redacted] of the Atlanta
FBI Office had referred him to [redacted] told
[redacted] he was anxious to locate and talk to KARL PRUSSION,
who allegedly had some information on people living in
Atlanta. [redacted] told him he was unfamiliar with what PAGE
was talking about. [redacted] placed [redacted] long distance
telephone call on hold and telephonically contacted SA JOHN
S. TEMPLE, advising him of the call. [redacted] was told that
no information was available concerning PRUSSION or HENRY
RILES, Atlanta Division. [redacted] then told [redacted] the
man he was calling about was being referred to the Los
Angeles Office of the FBI, and the specific inquiry was

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being left at the FBI Information Desk. [] then wanted to know what the FBI's reaction was, and [] explained there was no reaction since the information was left at the Information Desk. [] then asked [] if the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office had the information he desired and could not release it. [] told him he did not possess the type of information desired and the call was thereupon terminated.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, PRUSSION was a former Security Informant of the San Francisco Division, who assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated.

PRUSSION's whereabouts is not known to Los Angeles. It is believed he can be contacted through his home, in care of Post Office Box 913 Los Altos, California, a small suburb within the San Francisco Division's territory. Speaking engagements have been arranged for him in the past by [] San Diego, California. It is also a possibility he may be contacted through [] in care of Key Records, 7720 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, telephone 802-5500.

It is not known whether or not [] is a contact of the Atlanta Division, nor is it known whether or not your Division has an Agent by the name of []. It is pointed out that the Liaison Detail of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office has in the past furnished information of a security nature to the Los Angeles Division.

In the event Atlanta has no Agent by the name of [] or in the event such information was not furnished to [] by SA [] it is suggested Atlanta may want to consider the tactics utilized by [] in any future dealings they may have with him.

August 21, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Hotel Del Charro
2380 Torrey Pines Rd.
La Jolla, California

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

My apologies for intruding upon your privacy and your much needed vacation. Mr. Karl Prussion has an urgent need to consult with you and would appreciate a few moments of your time.

As you undoubtedly know, he was with the FBI for approximately twelve years. He is working diligently, around the clock, still fighting this tremendous threat to our great country—the communist conspiracy.

He would certainly appreciate it if, at your convenience, you could be contacted for a short chat. Mr. Prussion is presently located in Los Angeles but would be pleased to come down whenever convenient for you.

A call to me, [redacted] at: [redacted] or a line to: [redacted] San Diego 5, California would confirm the above.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
secretary

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August 28, 1963

[Redacted]
San Diego 6, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 21st, with enclosure, was forwarded to Washington since Mr. Hoover had already departed from La Jolla. He has asked me to tell you that Mr. Prussion should feel free to contact the FBI Office located at 1340 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California 90017. Mr. Prussion may be certain that any information he furnishes will be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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ATTENTION SACs: Bufiles indicate this correspondent wrote in 1961 congratulating the Bureau on its fine work over the years. She cannot be further identified in Bufiles. Karl Prussion is, of course, a former security informant of the San Francisco Office who was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his status to newspapermen.

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This was the nucleus of a lecture presented by Karl Frusson, former FBI agent, in First Congregational Church of Christ, Redondo Beach, Thursday evening.

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It was his testimony given be

Aisle Pew

By MILDRED C. HUNT
Church Editor

The much touted population explosion has become a major issue with some religious leaders.

Birth control measures are being discussed and pushed as an answer to the problem.

According to the slide rule experts, the boost in the world population is a stalking threat to starvation.

In taking this stand, the experts and some church leaders are disregarding God's promise to feed the creatures of the world.

Leave it to the experts to make

Enough food can be grown and processed in about half the nations of the world to feed the entire global population.

With scientific advancement in food processing and production what it is today, the food supply has almost reached a miracle stage.

Several decades ago, the world population was considerably less and the sizable jump in the world nose count in the past 20 years, would have given the then suppliers of food quite a scare.

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Communists Working for Leftist Take Over

Daily Breeze
Sat., Sept. 7, 1963 10

"The Communist Party in the United States is seeking to establish a strong left wing government to control individuals and families in America."

This was the nucleus of a lecture presented by Karl Prussion, former FBI agent, in First Congregational Church of Christ, Redondo Beach, Thursday evening.

Introduced by Dr. C. T. Walberg, pastor, the former agent, who posed as a Communist 13 years in order to obtain information for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, spoke openly and gave names of leading figures in the government of California, who are associated with red fronts. It was his testimony given before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco which caused the student riots and resulted in the making of the film, "Operation Abolition."

The riots were conducted to stop his testimony. Prussion pointed out the United Nations is the instrument by which the Soviets hope to conquer the rest of the world by peaceful coexistence.

It was the signing of the charter of the United Nations by former President Harry Truman in 1946, which gave the Russians their greatest cause to celebrate, the former FBI agent related.

"The Communist Party of the United States received directives in 1949 to send delegates to the World Peace Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. The largest percentage of delegates attending were from the United States, which included Russia.

"It was at this congress where peaceful coexistence was proposed as an expedient to further the Soviet campaign.

This became known as the Stockholm Peace Appeal and Communists were directed to return to this country and start peace organizations which mushroomed throughout the U.S.

"Purpose of this campaign was to cause complacency and indifference thereby disarming the American people for a possible exploit of their country by the Soviet.

"Peaceful coexistence with Soviet Russia definitely means peaceful no existence for tomorrow," the speaker stated. Prussion warned citizens they must continue the educational campaign to learn about the aims of the Communist and write letters, send telegrams and obtain petitions to Congress and the Senate. This type of action is making an impression on our lawmakers with the result a conservative trend is beginning to be noted in Washington, he said.

"Elections are important. It is necessary to get the right man in office."

He affirmed the fact Communists are behind the Negro riots and said they are in the South in great numbers.

In correcting a misconception most people have to the effect an undercover agent is in constant fear of being caught, he revealed this was not the case. The most he suffers is to have to attend meetings and functions of the Communist Party and act like you are a part of it.

"That is the most humiliating and degrading part of this work," he said. He revealed he gets threats regarding his talks but no action.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

DATE: 9/11/63

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FROM : SUPERVISOR PAUL L. MACK

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
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At 2:40 PM, 8/29/63, [] Hollywood Post 43, American Legion, business phone 624-1698, telephonically advised that he was considering engaging KARL PRUSSION as a speaker at an American Legion function. He stated he was contacting the FBI to determine if such an action on his part would be desirable.

[] was advised that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding organization and we make no recommendations or draw any conclusions concerning any individuals, organizations or publications. He was informed, however, that KARL PRUSSION assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which period he was compensated. PRUSSION, however, was not a Special Agent of the FBI. His actions have been personal ventures and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever. [] was further advised that the fact that PRUSSION did assist the FBI in the past was not to be construed as a recommendation or non-recommendation by the FBI in this matter. [] stated that he understood the Bureau's position.

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KARL PRUSSION

Former Communist Will Speak to Republicans

Karl Prussion, anti-Communist author - lecturer and former FBI counterspy will be the guest speaker Nov. 14 during a luncheon of South Bay Club of Federated Republican Women.

The meeting will be in Plush Horse Restaurant, Redondo Beach.

Prussion, who has authored numerous anti-Communist publications including, "California's Dynasty of Communism," served for 12 years as a counterspy in Communist cells.

Jewish Parents

Born in Brooklyn in 1909 of Orthodox Jewish parents, he was graduated from Northern High School, Detroit, and attended Wayne University, Detroit.

He inadvertently joined the National Student League Organization, a Communist front group while attending college.

Prussion, not realizing he was being used, was elected president of the front. Within a year he found himself in the center of a Communist cell organization.



KARL PRUSSION
... anti-Communist

Pressure was placed on Prussion by a card-carrying Communist professor to officially join the campus cell in 1933.

Lured by the attractive promises of communism, Prussion joined the cell and was rigidly trained and put to work infiltrating political groups, churches and unions.

During his first four years as a Communist, Prussion realized he became a part of a vicious conspiracy aiming to destroy America.

Disclosed Activities

Then, Prussion disclosed his activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and offered his services as a counterspy.

Twelve years later, Prussion told his story to the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

He testified before the committee in 1960 despite Communist provoked riots aimed at stopping his testimony.

Reservations for the women's GOP group luncheon may be obtained by calling Bertha Walters, Frontier 2-2383.

The reservations deadline is Nov. 12.

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POLITICAL MEMOS

Ex-Counterspy, Author to Speak

EDITOR'S NOTE—Political Memos is a nonpartisan calendar of events. The column is published each Tuesday. Absolute deadline for submitting copy for the column is Monday noon.

Karl Prussion, anti-Communist author-lecturer and a former FBI counterspy, will be guest speaker Thursday at a luncheon by South Bay Club of Federated Republican Women.

Prussion's luncheon topic will be "Communist Deceit in Politics."

The meeting will be in the Plush Horse Restaurant, Redondo Beach.

Reservations may be obtained by calling Mrs. Bertha Walters, Frontier 2-2382 ending today.

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Reds Pose Big Internal Danger

A former Communist party member told the South Bay Club of Federated Republican Women yesterday that America's greatest danger lies within her own boundaries.

Speaking before 225 Republican women at the Plush Horse Inn, Redondo Beach, Karl Prussion, former F.B.I. counterspy and author of "California Dynasty of Communism," said there are 45,000 Communists in the United States today.

"There are those in our country who would have us believe that the Communist threat is from without," Prussion said, "that the Communists in the United States are a small faction, and that no one listens to them anyway. These people are those who call themselves liberals and intellectuals."

Look for 'Big Brother'

Prussion said U.S. Communists have as their objective the establishment of a strong, centralized autocracy in the United States, a nation in which "men no longer look to the Creator for sustenance and guidance, but to the State for sustenance and guidance."

Prussion cited Tulare County as an example of the Welfare State. Welfare disburse-

ments have increased more than 400 per cent in that county since 1937, he said.

A student at Wayne University, Prussion became president of the campus chapter of the National Student League Organization, which he later learned was a Communist front organization.

Card-Carrying Professor

A card-carrying professor encouraged Prussion to join the party, and he complied in 1933.

During his first four years as a party member, Prussion realized that he was "participating in a vicious conspiracy that was aimed at destroying the most powerful enemy the Communists had—America."

He continued as a party member, but this time for the F.B.I., keeping his counterspy position until 1960, when he resigned to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Prussion told his audience that Communists use democratic institutions for the destruction of democracy.

Democratic Clubs

"When the Progressive Party was exposed in 1952 as a Communist front organization," he said, "Louise Todd,

chairman of the California Communists' political committee, urged Communists to leave the Progressive Party and join Democratic Clubs. Where such clubs didn't exist, they were to form them."

When one Northern California branch of the CDC was formed, he said, of the 25 members, 13 were Communist Party members, and the other 12 were sympathizers.

"But America today is no more complacent and lethargic about communism," Prussion said. "There is a wave of conservatism sweeping America . . . the movement in the United States is much stronger than even the conservatives realize."

Prussion said the fight is one between Christianity and communism.

"Communism can no more defeat Christianity than did Paganism so long ago," he said.

The former counterspy said he didn't want to live to see the day when his daughter asks: "Daddy, why did you let the Communists do this 'I'd rather die brave than be a slave,' Prussion said, to us?"

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Redondo Beach, Cal.

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Editor: Robt. L. Curry
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Prussion Bares Communist Setup

U.S. Conservative Tide Halting Reds, Is Claim

The threat from internal communism of a few years ago is no longer as great a threat because of the recent conservative tide in the United States.

That is the opinion of Karl Prussion, a 26-year member of the Communist Party and a 12-year FBI counterspy.

"The hope of the United States is conservative government and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour," Prussion told the 200 people who attended his speech at Municipal Auditorium.

Prussion, who now lives in San Diego, Calif., became a member of the party because "I was a student in college and they told me communism was the future of the world and it was my 'Sermon On the Mount.'"

Became Disillusioned

"But I soon became disillusioned," he added. For ten years he tried to help the FBI, but during those war years, they "weren't interested in counterespies. They wanted to be friends with the Soviet Union."

He "surfaced" in 1959 to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee at San Francisco. The now famous riots were staged then by the Communist Party so that Prussion couldn't give his damaging evidence, he said.

Among principal Communists, fellow-travelers and sympathizers are intellectuals, clergymen and politicians, Prussion commented.

In fact, he said that one time as a reward, the party ordered him to enter the Union Theological Seminary in New York City

to study to become an ordained Methodist minister.

When he asked party brass how he could get into the seminary with his record for leading demonstrations he was told that the head of the board of trustees was a "comrade" who had taught communist ideas at the school for over 20 years.

Recognition Grave Error

The United States' greatest mistake in dealing with the Soviet Union, the ex-counterspy said, was the recognition of that country during the 1930's.

At that time, the Soviet government signed agreements stating that it would not promote subversive activities in the U. S.

Then, Foreign Minister Molotov said that while the Soviet government had agreed not to subvert America, the Communist International had never entered in such an agreement.

That, Prussion charged, was the first of many agreements entered into by the U. S. and the USSR and broken by the USSR.

Cuba was the needed third link in a Sino-Soviet axis, which became perfect with Fidel Castro's revolution as a Sino-Soviet-Cuban axis.

Castro Known As Red

"Castro was a Communist and the FBI knew it from the first," he said. "He began his agrarian reform from a Fifth Avenue office in New York City with Communist support. He was an avowed Marxist-Leninist."

Even with this powerful axis around the world, the U. S. could still regain the respect of the world that it once had by a complete severance of economical and political ties with the Soviets.

He declared, "There is much work to be done through free enterprise. The world is ripe for it."



KARL PRUSSION

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Submitted by SA [redacted]
Brownsville, Texas -

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April 3, 1964

[Redacted]
Ontario, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 24th has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to help in this instance but hope you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

With respect to Karl Prussion, he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October 5, 1951. Their personal ventures and their opinions and comments are strictly their own and this Bureau is unable to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

With regard to your question about communist access to FBI files, I can assure you that no unauthorized persons can obtain information from our files. 0

You may also be assured that my book, "Masters of Deceit," was written with the hope that it would help Americans gain an insight into the true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country and was not written for monetary profit.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would very much appreciate
an answer to the following
question--

(1) Will Karl Plessman of CWO
Inform FBI agents and/or work
with the FBI?

(2) Mr. Plessman claims the
Rev. Martin Luther King (Southern
Christian Leadership Conference) has
over 40 communist affiliations.
Is this reliable? Would he have
been in a position to know?

(3) Is it true that the secret
FBI files can be made
available to known communists?

for the (U. S. Justice) case, is
it possible in any way for
them to do this,

(4) I have the greatest respect
for you & the FBI and I
do not mean the next question
to be wise. However, this
question has been made to
me as a statement & I want
to need an answer in writing.
Did you write the "Masters
of Deceit" for profit?

Sincerely,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

DATE: 4/23/64

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FROM : SUPERVISOR PAUL L. MACK

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4/6/64 [redacted]
telephone [redacted] telephonically advised that she had
received literature which indicated that KARL PRUSSION had
been a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years. She
requested verification of this information.

She was advised that PRUSSION had furnished informa-
tion on a confidential basis to the FBI for the period
November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was
compensated. He was not a Special Agent of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (134-1427)

DATE: 5-6-64

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FROM : W. N. Provinse

SUBJECT: Karl Prussian
Former SF 1740-s

On 5-6-64, [redacted] United Church of Eagle Rock [redacted] telephonically advised that on 5-5-64 he had attended a meeting of the "Women's 20th Century Republican Club" to which many of the women in his congregation belong. This meeting was addressed by Karl Prussian whom he stated by inference indicated that he was a former FBI agent, speaking for the FBI. He stated that Prussian's statements belied this inference and he desired to know Prussians status. He advised that Prussian had been secured through the "Americanism Center" in Eagle Rock by one of the Republican ladies and that his, Prussian's, statements had left the ladies in a thoroughly confused state of mind.

After checking the file, [redacted] was recontacted and given the approved Bureau answer, namely, that Prussian assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from 1949 to 1958 during which period he was compensated, but that he was at no time a Special Agent of the FBI; that his actions have been personal ventures and that the FBI is in no position to comment on them one way or the other.

[redacted] was very appreciative of this information and spoke of the Bureau in very complimentary terms.

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BENJAMIN BASKIN
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Relet San Francisco to Bureau 4/23/64.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
WAYNE H. SHAW:

Current directories and maps for the city of Pasadena
fail to reflect any street similar to Shortway Street.

AT PASADENA:

[redacted] Clerk, Pasadena Merchants Credit Bureau,
1175 East Green Street, advised on 5/1/64 that files of this
Agency fail to reflect any data identifiable with KARL PRUSSIAN.

Sergeant [redacted] Pasadena Police Department on
5/1/64, advised files of this office fail to reflect any data
identifiable with PRUSSIAN.

A contact with Pacific Telephone and Telephone Company
(information inquiry) failed to reflect a listing for PRUSSIAN
in the Pasadena or South Pasadena area.

AT SOUTH PASADENA

A review of maps of this city reflect there is one block
of a street names Short Way.

Inquiry at the following residences on 5/4/64 failed
to locate any one who knows PRUSSIAN:



2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Detroit (100-37098)(RM)
2 - San Diego (RM)
1 - Los Angeles
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[redacted] Acting Assistant Postmaster (protect) Fair Oaks Branch on 5/4/64 advised this office has no record of PRUSSIAN, but suggested the Main Branch of the USPO in South Pasadena be checked since that office is now delivering mail to Short Way.

[redacted] Superintendent of Mails, (protect) Main Branch, USPO, on 5/4/64, advised after checking with appropriate carrier that PRUSSIAN receives occasional mail at #20 Short Way, South Pasadena. From what the carrier has been able to observe it would appear PRUSSIAN picks up his mail from the box in front of this address about once or twice each month. Carrier has never seen PRUSSIAN and it does not appear anyone resides at this address however he has noted that every few weeks the mail which was delivered for PRUSSIAN is missing. He has observed that whoever picks up the mail apparently gets it on week-ends.

Physical observation of #20 Short Way on 5/7/64, determined it is a one room shack with blinds drawn and indications that no one is currently residing there.

[redacted] Landlord and Owner of several residences in this area was located on Short Way and he stated he may be located through Post Office Box 8, South Pasadena or telephone number [redacted]. He rents the property to PRUSSIAN at 20 Short Way but he has only seen PRUSSIAN on one occasion. PRUSSIAN mails his rent to [redacted] from San Diego, California. To the best of his recollection PRUSSIAN has a return address of "Headsup" Box 6519, San Diego, California. He also advised some of the checks PRUSSIAN sends to pay the rent are "Headsup" checks. From this [redacted] believes PRUSSIAN owns "Headsup" and resides in that area. He believes PRUSSIAN may visit once or twice each month at 20 Short Way, possibly as a vacation from his business.

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SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Will as per relet and above locate and interview PRUSSIAN since it appears he is in that area normally.

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

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Subject's name and aliases CARL PRUSSIAN; MYRON C. FAGAN			Address of subject			Character of case SM-C			
Complainant <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>			Complainant's address and telephone number <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>			Complaint received <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time			
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></div> Male <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></div> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Date <u>5/12/64</u> Birth date and Birthplace			
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion					
	Scars, marks or other data								

Facts of complaint

Complainant resides at Glendale, .

States he has come into possession of two pamphlets concerning political figures. Make statements that MOSK and CRANSTON have Communist affiliations. Pamphlets were described as follows:

1. "Heads Up", by California Dynasty of Communism, signed CARL PRUSSIAN who is alleged to be former FBI counter.
2. Pamphlet published by Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., signed by MYRON FAGAN.

Complainant seeking information concerning Communistic allegations was advised of the confidential nature of our files.

Complainant will check with his source and will probably send pamphlets to office by mail.

Action Recommended

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— Norman R. Johnson
(Agent) —

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (157-0)

SUBJECT: DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN
CONSTITUTION, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: JUN 3 1964

The following is furnished for the information of the Bureau and interested offices.

On 5/28/64 [redacted] of the "Jackson Bulletin", a newspaper published weekly in Jackson, New Jersey, telephonically furnished the following to SA SETH F. BIKENBERRY:

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She recently received through the United States mail an envelope postmarked 5/25/64 at New Orleans, Louisiana, and addressed to [redacted] "Jackson Bulletin", Jackson, New Jersey. The envelope bore a return address of 209-210 Pan American Building, 610 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. This envelope contained six separate items of "propaganda", apparently circulated by captioned organization, all of which are in opposition to the Civil Rights Movement. One GORDON ESTFALL was identified on one piece of literature therein as Publication Manager.

Included in the above mentioned material was an affidavit signed by one KARL PRUSSION (see SAC letter 62-29, paragraph G) who admitted to attending meetings in Santa Clara County, California, from 1954 to 1958. PRUSSION claimed to have been a counter-spy for the FBI from 1947 to 1960. PRUSSION claimed that persons known to him in the CP movement are now affiliated with the NAACP and CORE for the achievement of communist objectives. He alleged that MARTIN LUTHER KING could be identified with over sixty communist front organizations.

The above affidavit was notarized by one GEORGE E. SEARLE, Notary Public (NP) not otherwise identified, on 5/28/63. The expiration date of SEARLE's commission as an NP was obliterated.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
- 1 - Newark

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Another piece of literature enclosed with the above material was headed "Calling all Patriots - ALERT #12, 4/3/64 from Headquarters, P.O. Box 1877 Ormond Beach, Florida". Patriots were implored to prepare to defend themselves by arming themselves and stockpiling food, etc. They were urged to reproduce the published material and pass it on to their friends.

[] seemed to be upset over receiving such large quantities of material in opposition to the Civil Rights Movement. She said she had been receiving tons of such material since the Civil Rights Bill has been before Congress. She said that the volume of this material equals or is greater than material received in opposition to JOHN F. KENNEDY prior to the presidential elections of 1960.

[] was requested to forward this material to the FBI, Newark. She declined, however, saying she will probably send it to United States Senator CLIFFORD P. CASE, (Republican, New Jersey) since she sent the last mailing of similar material to United States Senator HARRISON A. WILLIAMS (Democrat, New Jersey).

AFFIDAVIT

I, Karl Prussion, a former counterspy for the Federal Investigation from 1947 to 1960, do hereby swear under oath and under perjury, that from the years 1954 through 1958 I attended five county meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, California. (A committee meeting of the Communist Party consists of one delegate representing each Communist cell in a county.) The meetings were held during the mentioned period in the following locations:

The residence of Robert Lindsay, Communist, in San Jose, California, 1954; the residence of Mary Field, Communist section organizer, Palo Alto, California, 1955; the residence of Isobel and Edwin Cerney, both Communists, Menlo Park, California, 1956; the residence of Gertrude Adler, Communist, Palo Alto, California, 1957; the residence of Karl Prussion, counterspy for the F.B.I., Los Altos, California, 1958; the residence of Myra White, Communist, Mountain View, California, 1959.

I hereby further solemnly state that at each and every meeting as set forth above, one Ed Beck, Communist, who is presently secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of San Mateo County, California, and a member of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), the directive from the district office of the Communist Party in San Francisco was to the effect that:

"All Communists working within the framework of the NAACP are instructed to work for a change of the passive attitude of the NAACP toward a more militant, demonstrative, class struggle policy to be expressed by sit-ins, demonstrations, marches and protests, for the purpose of transforming the NAACP into an organization for the achievement of Communist objectives."

I further swear and attest that at each and every one of the mentioned meetings, one Reverend Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues.

I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist objectives.

Karl Prussion

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
28 day of July, 1963.

Richard C. Seales
Notary Public
My Commission Expires Sept. 17, 1966.

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Post Office Box 1046, Fresno.

It will be noted the affidavit by PRUSSION in part points out that KING has either been a member of, or unwittingly has accepted support from, over 60 communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse communist causes. The affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before a Notary Public on 9/28/63.

For the information of the Atlanta Division, the Bureau has in the past pointed out that KARL PRUSSION assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent. The Bureau noted his actions have been personal ventures and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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On 6/4/64, KARL PRUSSION, Former SF 1740-S telephonically advised the Los Angeles Office as follows:

While in Atlanta, Georgia, recently, PRUSSION noted a newspaper article which reflected that captioned subject had a responsible position of some kind in the United Nations, possibly as a U. S. Government representative.

PRUSSION noted that while he was an active member of the Communist Party (CP) in Detroit, Michigan, during the period 1933 - 1938, he often saw subject, who was then a member of a professional-type CP group in Detroit, meeting with WILLIAM WEINSTONE, District Organizer for the CP in Detroit. Most of these meetings took place in WEINSTONE's office.

PRUSSION furnished the following physical description for captioned subject:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Approximately 62 years (1964)
Height	6'
Build	Thin
Characteristics	Thin face, wore mustache, balding

PRUSSION stated that the Bureau was probably aware of the CP affiliations of captioned subject but that he wished to call them to the Bureau's attention for whatever value this information might be.

Above information is being submitted to the Bureau and Detroit for information purposes only and no further investigation is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office.

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2 - Detroit (RM)
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BENJAMIN BASKIN
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Remylet 6/1/64 captioned "BENJAMIN BASKIN, SM-C;
FAG," OO: Detroit.

The Los Angeles Division is interested in contacting KARL PRUSSION, former SF 1740-S, who was last reportedly residing at 20 Short Way, South Pasadena, Calif., telephone CL 4-2088, in connection with a sworn signed statement which he furnished to this office concerning captioned subject.

Attempts were made to contact PRUSSION at CL 4-2088 but it appears he is no longer living there since his phone was disconnected. A stop has been placed with the Coast Federal Savings and Loan, Los Angeles. PRUSSION has previously advised the Los Angeles Office that he travels a great deal on speaking tours but can be located through [redacted]
[redacted] San Diego 6, phone [redacted]

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SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Will contact [redacted]
[redacted] with the request that should she be in contact with PRUSSION to ask him to stop in the Los Angeles Office the next time he is in Los Angeles and ask for SAs [redacted] or JOHN S. TEMPLE.

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2 - Los Angeles

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KARL PRUSSION, 20 Short Way, South Pasadena, California, advised as follows:

PRUSSION was influenced to join the Communist Party (CP) by SCOTT NEARING who spoke at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, in 1932 at which time PRUSSION was serving as chairman of a local chapter of the National Student League. After joining the Young Communist League in 1932 he was recruited into the CP in Detroit, Michigan, by SOPHIE KISNER and went immediately to a workers camp near Farmington, Michigan, for a three weeks session of a Marxist school. His first CP assignment was to work with trade unions in the Detroit area. In 1938 PRUSSION was arrested by the Detroit Police Department and volunteered information to police authorities concerning his CP activities and the CP activities of some of his associates. At this time PRUSSION tried to break from the CP and was brought before a CP Disciplinary Committee in Detroit. As a result of his trouble with the CP, PRUSSION left Michigan and went to New Mexico to live in 1938.

In addition to the aliases used by PRUSSION which are set out in the following sworn statement, PRUSSION noted that he used the alias of ARNOLD HOEHNER for the purposes of submitting reports to the San Francisco Office of the FBI.

"Los Angeles, California

"I, Karl Prussion, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. I have been advised of my right to counsel before making any statement, that I am not required to make any statement, and that any statement I do make, may be used in court.

"Immediately after participating in a strike against tuition rates at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan, in 1932, I was recruited into the Young

On 5/25 & 27/64 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 100-65721-6
by SA [redacted] /sas/mkd Date dictated 6/1/64

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"Communist League (YCL) by Nydea Barker, who was then Head of the YCL in Detroit, Michigan. I was sent to Flint, Michigan, as a YCL organizer shortly thereafter and when I returned to Detroit, I met Ben Baskin and his sister who were both then members of the YCL in Detroit.

^{Ethel}
"During the period of approximately 1933 to 1938, I attended numerous YCL meetings with both Ben and Esther Baskin. These were cell, section, and district YCL meetings, many of which were held at the Ferry Building and at the Finnish Federation of America Building, Detroit, Michigan. As I recall, Ben Baskin was a rather quiet person and had very little to say at YCL activities. However, his sister, Ethel, was a very active and vocal member of the YCL.

"In approximately 1933, I was recruited into the Communist Party (CP) in Detroit, Michigan, and maintained this CP membership until approximately 1938 when I left Michigan to go to New Mexico. I have attended several unit meetings, but do not recall whether they were YCL or CP, at which, both Ethel Baskin and Ben Baskin paid dues.

"I used the alias of Rudolph Weiss when I obtained a job at the Packard Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, in 1934. Rudolph Weiss was a football player friend of mine who did not know of my CP affiliation.

"I have also used other aliases in order to obtain employment in Michigan. In Flint, Michigan, I used the name Tony Fro. This was a completely fictitious name and I have never known any other individual to have used it. At the Hudson Motor Car Company in Detroit, I used the name of Harry Kaminsky. I used the name of Harold Story, also a completely fictitious name, the name Harry Kaminsky was that of a friend who had no knowledge of my being a communist.

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"In 1937, I approached Ben Baskin and told him that I was too well known as a Communist Party member to get a job at the De Soto Motor Car Plant in Detroit. I asked Ben Baskin if I could use his identity in applying for a job at the De Soto Plant and he agreed to the plan wholeheartedly and even gave me material to exhibit as identification. I have no knowledge that Ben Baskin ever used my name or any name other than his own. I have had no contact with Ben Baskin since approximately 1938.

"I have read the above statement and swear that it is true to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify to the above information in court.

"/s/ Karl Prussion

"Sworn to and subscribed before [redacted]
Special Agent, FBI, on May 27, 1964, at Los Angeles.

"Witness:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles,
California."

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65721)(P)

BENJAMIN BASKIN
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Re Detroit letter to Director, 3/17/64.

KARL (KALMAN) PRUSSION, Former SF 1740-S, 20 Short Way, South Pasadena, California, telephone GL 4-2033, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office on May 24 and 27, 1964, and furnished a sworn statement concerning his knowledge of BASKIN's subversive activities and affiliation and the use of aliases by both BASKIN and himself.

PRUSSION identified both BASKIN and his sister ETHEL as members of the Young Communist League during the period 1933 - 1933 in Detroit, Michigan. 302s incorporating PRUSSION's sworn statement will be submitted to Detroit and San Francisco under separate cover.

PRUSSION noted that he travels a great deal on speaking tours, but can readily be located through [redacted] San Diego 6, telephone [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED) (AIR MAIL)
 - (1 - 100-ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ)
- 3 - Detroit (100-32093)(REGISTERED) (AIR MAIL)
 - (1 - 100-ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-52950)(Info.)(REGISTERED)
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Date July 1, 1964

KARL PRUSSION, 20 Short Way, South Pasadena, California, advised as follows:

PRUSSION was influenced to join the Communist Party (CP) by SCOTT NEARING who spoke at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, in 1932 at which time PRUSSION was serving as chairman of a local chapter of the National Student League. After joining the Young Communist League in 1932 he was recruited into the CP in Detroit, Michigan, by SOPHIE KISHNER and went immediately to a workers camp near Farmington, Michigan, for a three weeks session of a Marxist school. His first CP assignment was to work with trade unions in the Detroit area. In 1938 PRUSSION was arrested by the Detroit Police Department and volunteered information to police authorities concerning his CP activities and the CP activities of some of his associates. At this time, PRUSSION tried to break from the CP and was brought before a CP Disciplinary Committee in Detroit. As a result of his trouble with the CP, PRUSSION left Michigan and went to New Mexico to live in 1938.

In addition to the aliases used by PRUSSION which are set out in the following sworn statement, PRUSSION noted that he used the alias of ARNOLD HOEHNER for the purposes of submitting reports to the San Francisco Office of the FBI.

"June 30, 1964
Los Angeles, California

"I, Karl Prussion, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Harvey G. Berkey who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. I have been advised of my right to counsel before making any statement, that I am not required to make any statement, and that any statement I do make may be used in court.

"Immediately after participating in a strike against tuition rates at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan, in 1932, I was recruited into the Young Communist League (YCL) by Nydea Barker, who was then Head of the YCL in Detroit, Michigan. I was sent to Flint, Michigan, as a YCL organizer shortly there-

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On 6/30/64 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 100-65721

by SA JMF Date dictated 6/30/64

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"after and when I returned to Detroit, I met Ben Dushin and his sisters, Ethel and Mildred, all then members of the YCL in Detroit.

"During the period of approximately 1933 to 1935, I attended numerous YCL meetings with Ben, Ethel, and Mildred Dushin. These were cell, section, and district YCL meetings, many of which were held at the Perry Building and at the Finnish Federation of America Building, Detroit, Michigan. As I recall, Ben Dushin was a rather quiet person and had very little to say at YCL activities. However, his sister Ethel, was a very active and vocal member of the YCL.

"In approximately 1933, I was recruited into the Communist Party (CP) in Detroit, Michigan, and maintained this CP membership until approximately 1935 when I left Michigan to go to New Mexico. I have attended several such meetings, but do not recall whether they were YCL or CP at which Ethel Dushin, Mildred Dushin, and Ben Dushin paid dues.

"I used the alias of Rudolph Weiss when I obtained a job at the Packard Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, in 1934. Rudolph Weiss was a football player friend of mine who did not know of my CP affiliation.

"I have also used other aliases in order to obtain employment in Michigan. In Flint, Michigan, I used the name Tony Pro. This was a completely fictitious name and I have never known any other individual to have used it. At the Modern Motor Car Company in Detroit, I used the name of Harry Kaminsky. I used the name of Harold Story, also a completely fictitious name. The name Harry Kaminsky was that of a friend who had no knowledge of my being a communist.

"In 1937, I approached Ben Dushin and told him that I was too well known as a CP member to get a job at the So Joto Motor Car Plant in Detroit. I asked Ben Dushin if I could use his identity in applying for a job at the So Joto Plant and he agreed

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"to the place unintentionally and even gave me material to exhibit as identification. I have no knowledge that Don Rankin ever used my name or any name other than his own. I have had no contact with Don Rankin since approximately 1933.

"I have read the above statement and swear that it is true to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify to the above information in court.

/s/ Earl Prussian

"Sworn to and subscribed before me /s/ [redacted]
[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, on 6/30/64 at
Los Angeles.

"Witnessed: /s/ [redacted] Special
Agent, FBI, June 30, 1964"

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65721)(RUC)

BENJAMIN BASKIN
SM-C; FAG

OO: Detroit

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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a three page FD 302 and one copy for San Francisco which incorporates a corrected signed sworn statement by KARL PRUSSION, the original of which is being retained in the Los Angeles Office.

All of the information contained in this FD 302 was re-affirmed by PRUSSION on 6/30/64. While it is not believed necessary to include any reference to the first statement given by PRUSSION in the details of a report, it is suggested that mention be made on the administrative page that a second statement was taken to correct an obvious error in the first name of BASKIN's sister, ETHEL.

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JULY 10TH, 1964

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MERCED, CALIFORNIA

DEAR [REDACTED]

JUST A NOTE TO SEE IF YOUR OFFER FOR COPIES OF J. EDGAR HOOVERS REPRINT ARTICLES IS STILL GOOD.

IF SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE ABOUT 75 COPIES EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (REPRINTED FROM "AveMaria," APRIL 30, 1960)

HOW TO BEAT COMMUNISM (REPRINTED FROM "THE LION" OCTOBER, 1957)

LET'S FIGHT COMMUNISM SANELY (REPRINTED FROM "CHRISTIAN HERALD" JAN. '62)

COMMUNISM; THE BITTER ENEMY OF RELIGION (REPRINTED FROM "CHRISTIANITY TODAY," '59)

DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND COMMUNISM ("INDUSTRIAL SECURITY," 1962)

WHY REDS MAKE FRIENDS WITH BUSINESSMEN (NATIONS BUSINESS, '62)

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AND THE CHRISTIAN PULPIT
RED GOALS AND CHRISTIAN IDEALS ("CHRISTIANITY TODAY '60)

AN AMERICAN'S CHALLENGE (NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN LEGION, '62)

HOPE I'M NOT ASKING FOR TOO MUCH, BUT I WILL INSERT THESE IN OUR SUNDAY JULLETINS AS I RECEIVE THEM FROM YOU.

THANKS AGAIN.

IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND COUNTRY.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
P.O. Box 376
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA

P.S.

SOMETHING HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME, AND I WONDER IF YOU MIGHT CLEAR THIS UP FOR ME, OR LET ME KNOW HOW TO GET THE RIGHT INFORMATION. I HAVE READ SOME OF KARL PRUSSION'S ITEMS AND HAVE HAD THE IDEA THAT HE WAS AT ONE TIME CONNECTED WITH THE F.B.I. YET, THE OTHER DAY, IN OUR TOWN PAPER, THE SALINAS CALIFORNIAN, IN THE PUBLIC FORUM COLUMN, A PARTY WROTE IN SAYING THAT KARL PRUSSION HAS NEVER HAD ANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE F.B.I. ???

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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
July 14, 1964

[Redacted]
First Baptist Church
Post Office Box 376
Mariposa, California

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Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date.

The following are being forwarded to you, under separate cover, pursuant to your request:

Communist Party, USA;
Let's Fight Communism Sanelly;
Communism; The Bitter Enemy of Religion;
Do you Really Understand Communism;
Why Reds Make Friends with Businessmen;
The Communist Meance: Red Goals and Christian Ideals;
An American's Challenge

For your information, Mr. Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent. His actions have been personal ventures and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

1 - Addressee
① - Los Angeles (134-1427)
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WESLEY G. GRAPE
Special Agent in Charge

most - further requests of this nature should be sent to Bureau -

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Torrance, Calif.
July 21, 1964

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United States Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
1340 West 6th Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I recently heard a speech on the methods and the progress by which the communists are infiltrating into high places in our Government. I was told that most labor unions, the Democratic Party of California, the Supreme Court, and that President Johnson himself are controlled by, or are advised by known communists.

I cannot believe this, and therefore doubt the integrity and character of the person who said it.

This speech was delivered by a Mr. Karl Prussian. He stated that he was at one time a member of the communist party, and was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a counter spy, and therefore knows the communist party inside and out.

I am employed by the City of Torrance on the Fire Department, and this speech was delivered at the fire station. I am sorry to say that I think the men who attended this meeting were very impressed and ready to doubt the patriotism of their neighbor.

I am sure that this is not news to your office, it was not intended to be such. What I would like if possible, is some information either substantiating or disproving this man's story. Could you please give me this information or tell me where I can obtain it.

Yours truly,



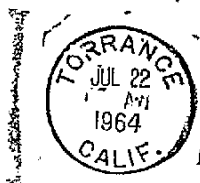
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Torrance, Calif.



United States Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
1340 West 6th Street
Los Angeles, California

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California, 90017
July 27, 1964


Torrance, California

Dear 

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Thank you for your letter of July 21, 1964.

In response to your question, Karl Prussion assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent of the FBI.

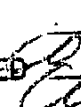
His opinions and comments are strictly his own, and this Bureau is unable to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Very truly yours,


WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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DATE 11-03-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

DATE: 8/31/64

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b7CFROM : SA SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

On 8/21/64, PRUSSION telephonically advised the writer that he had changed his legal residence from Pasadena to 3719 West Artesia, telephone 329-5800.

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PRUSSION stated, however, that he traveled considerably and could best be reached through his San Diego address which has been previously recorded.

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Teacher Sued By Anti-Red Lecturer, Defamation Cited

OROVILLE — Karl Prussion of Torrance, Los Angeles County has filed suit in the superior court against Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Paradise, Butte County school teacher, asking \$300,000 for defamation of character.

Prussion, a lecturer on anti-communism who says he was a counterspy for the federal bureau of investigation, charges Mrs. Franklin with causing several of his lectures to be cancelled last spring.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Los Angeles

Daily Journal

page 2 col 8

Date: 10-2-64

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Dear Sir.

Would your office be so
kind as to varify in writing
the identity of one Karl Prussion.

Who claims he has worked
as an undercover agent for
the F.B.I. investigating the communist
conspiracy in Calif (for 12 yrs), or
please direct me to the proper channel
to get this information.

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Thank you



Santa Monica

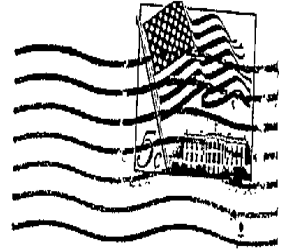
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*Santa Monica
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*Federal Bureau of investigation
2444 Wilshire Blvd
Santa Monica
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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
October 29, 1964

[REDACTED]
Santa Monica, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your recent letter.

In response to your question, I would like to point out that Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent.

His actions have been personal ventures and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

Wesley G. Grapp
WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI.
Detroit, Michigan
Gentlemen.

One Mr. Karl Pruskin
is speaking in behalf of
local candidates in my area.
He is, by his testimony, a
former FBI agent. Is this
man "for real"? Can I
obtain any information about
him?

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I should sincerely appreciate
any information to corroborate
his story as a former
Communist - FBI agent -

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Sincerely,



Los Angeles, Calif

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan 48231

October 28, 1964

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[Redacted]

Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 22, 1964, has
been received.

I would like to point out that Karl
Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing
information on subversive activities from
November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which
time he was compensated. He was not, however,
a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Bernard C. Brown
Special Agent in Charge

Attached for both San Francisco and Los
Angeles is a Xerox copy of the letter received from
[Redacted] which is furnished for your in-
formation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE 11-03-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (134-1427)

FROM : ASAC HENRY A. ONSGARD, JR.

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 11/2/64

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[REDACTED] KMPC, telephonically contacted the office on 11/2/64 and asked if we could tell him anything concerning KARL PRUSSION who has been referred to as a former FBI counterspy. He said he was just trying to determine whether he was a "nut" or whether he had something worthwhile to say.

A check was made of the files and the call returned, and he was advised according to file 134-1427, that PRUSSION was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI; however, he furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958, for which he was compensated.

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"Dedicated to Fight Communism"

Karl Brussion



VOL. 3 NO. 11

P.O. Box 6519, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92106 — 25 cents NOVEMBER, 1964

CONSERVATIVES NOT DISMAYED — ACCELERATE ACTIVITIES

In its pre-election issue *Heads Up* forecast a victory for Goldwater of possible landslide proportions. It was an honest, forthright prediction based on a careful analysis which recognized the upsurge of conservatism and the manifestations of strong opposition to the administration's policies. *Heads Up* was wrong, but not totally.

Barry Goldwater, who mirrored the reflection of the rapidly growing conservative movement, was defeated. In his defeat he has, for the first time since the advent of welfare-statism by the Roosevelt administration more than thirty years ago, built an indestructible force of forthright conservatism. It is here to stay and will continue to be a challenging force that can win. The demagogic administration, pledged to carry out the mandates of the communist generated minority groups, must now contend with 26 million Americans who know exactly why they voted for Goldwater. They cast their ballots against socialism and the tyrannical control of the individual and family by a small gang of left-wing political ruffians. They voted against accommodation and capitulation to the demands of the Moscow — Havana — Peking red axis.

Forty-million Americans, however, voted for the status-quo. It is extremely doubtful that the major percentage of these voters knew just what they were voting for. Large numbers of citizens voted for Johnson even though they approved Goldwater's policies. They yielded to the pressures exerted by the administration which injected fear and worry into their minds in the event that Barry would be elected.

The socialist machine behind Johnson perpetrated the biggest political hoax in history since the burning of the Reichstag in Germany which put Hitler into power. Barry was maligned as a madman, an evil fascist who would destroy the entire world by provoking a nuclear war if elected; that Barry was merciless and would, if elected, cause a sudden depres-

sion leaving hunger, want and destitution in its wake; that Barry, would abruptly deprive 19.7 million senior citizens of their monthly Social Security checks. It was this type of continuous propaganda via the left-wing managed communication media that bludgeoned the citizenry into accepting the totally discredited and disreputable administration. Using this cruel, brutal and shameful tactic, the Washington establishment was able to generate the united support of many social and economic minority groups and movements that "went along" to promote their own interests in disregard for the overall interests of our Nation.

Heads Up was totally aware of this demagoguery when it confidently forecast a conservative victory; but was convinced and satisfied that these issues were being skillfully, properly and effectively handled by Barry and his millions of dedicated hard working supporters.

What then were the factors that make it possible for the administration to succeed with its big lie?

First, and foremost, the "in" administration had entrenched itself on a national, state, and local scale with its massive political machine consisting of millions of dedicated employees who sold their souls to socialism for a pittance. The new conservative Republican Party had to depend on inspired volunteer citizens. They fought valiantly and with great sacrifice. They were raw and inexperienced, they lacked political-combat experience, and were no match for the weathered and experienced 30-year-old political machine.

Other factors that helped the enemy were the many cravens and traitors who hung along and just within the battle's edge. "Republicans" such as Senator Kuchel, Case, Scott, Keating, and Governors Rockefeller, Romney and Scranton did nothing to help. Where in the world was Senator Dirksen, who delivered such a stirring nomination address

on behalf of Barry at the Republican national convention? They all ganged-up with the left-wing democrats and they tore Barry to pieces. They went all the way to defeat him. They all betrayed the sacred trust put in them by the Republican Party when they promised to campaign for the Republican candidate. Good old "I Like Ike" Eisenhower also contributed to Barry's defeat. He suddenly became "ill" during the last critical days of the campaign. Prior to his illness he campaigned enthusiastically for the anti-Goldwater Republicans such as Percy in Illinois and Romney in Michigan. Never did he campaign with anything that resembled the same enthusiasm for Barry. When he was quarried on a national television program on the very important issue of nuclear weapons, he did Barry irreparable damage when he stated that "it was not an election issue." In this way he subtly implied that Goldwater was irresponsible and could cause a nuclear war.

Yes, the communists have won a "victory." They are gleeful and stimulated the world over. Millions of Americans are unhappy, distressed and disturbed. So is *Heads Up*. However, reports are flowing in by the thousands strongly establishing the fact that the "defeat" is a retreat and not capitulation. *Heads Up* knows not of a single true conservative, amongst the thousands of citizens contacted after the election, whose spirit has been dampened. On the contrary in every case the spirit, the will to carry on has been stimulated.

There are 26 million Conservative Americans who endorsed Barry's intelligent philosophy against an entrenched political hierarchy of almost unlimited power. And this is only the beginning. Conservatives everywhere must regroup their troops. The anti-communist educational program that fell short of its goal must be continued and doubly accelerated.

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SYNANON EXPANDS

The October, 1964 issue of *Heads Up* has warned America of the insidious activities of Synanon Inc., an organization which professes to help "rehabilitate dope addicts." Actually this organization is thoroughly infiltrated with pseudo intellectual liberals, intellectuals and red-fronters. Its hidden purpose is to experiment with the soul of man, seeking control of all mankind through psychotherapy. Since the October warning by your editor, Synanon has made surprising and shocking progress. It has been learned that it receives tax support in Nevada (\$1,000 per month) to treat prisoners who are dope addicts. *The Synanon system in Nevada is extended to prisoners other than dope addicts.*

Recently, Synanon, Inc., has applied and awaits for approval of the *United Fund*.

Charles Dederick, the founder of Synanon, recently married his assistant, Betty Coleman, a negress, and moved into a ten bedroom mansion at 3905 Clay Street in San Francisco. Seventeen "servants," all former dope addicts, have moved in with the Dedericks. Is another Synanon House being started at that address? Synanon pays \$650.00 per month for the mansion in the lush S. F. residential area.

In San Diego, Synanon flourishes and grows. It has recently expanded its quarters and has entered the service station business.

It is reliably reported that Synanon lobbyists are working in many states seeking tax money for its support. They have also applied for funds from varied charitable organizations.

Heads Up has warned that dope addicts will flock to areas where Synanon is located to receive "help." Very few stay for the "cure" but remain to menace the community and add additional burdens to law enforcing agencies. More than 50 dope addicts and peddlers were recently seized in residences along the beaches of San Diego County in the shadow of Synanon.

Dederick is receiving much publicity these days in his travels. He plans to establish Synanon Centers from coast to coast. His immediate objective is the New York and Chicago areas. He plans an exchange system of addicts from New York to San Diego.

All citizens are once again advised to call for full scale investigation whenever Synanon rears its head.

A NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION IS IN ORDER NOW.

For more detailed information on Synanon send 75 cents to *Heads Up*, P.O. Box 6519, San Diego 6, California.

PRUSSION STORY ON "SPY" SOKOLOV CENSORED

Communist Aleksandr Sokolov and his wife, alias Jog Ann Garber Baltch, were arrested on July 2, 1963 by the F.B.I. and charged with capital espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The red agents gathered information on U.S. missile bases and atomic weapons. After much expensive and painstaking work by the F.B.I., they were jailed when Sokolov sought employment at the Martin Aircraft Co. near Baltimore.

The espionage case came to a dramatic end minutes after a federal court jury was sworn in to hear testimonies from F.B.I. agents and counterspies. The trial, it is believed, could have exposed the operations of two of the most diligent and mysterious spies ever to have operated on our shores. The Justice Department lawyers, acting at the behest of the new temporary Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, asked for a dismissal and publicly stated that the request was made "in the interest of national security."

The communist spies were promptly and courteously deported at our expense to Czechoslovakia where the main Russian espionage bureau is located. Sokolov is a native of Tiflis, Russia.

If the trial had continued, it was the intent of the Justice Department through the F.B.I. to link these red agents with an espionage ring involving Soviet officials and other spies in the United Nations and the War Department. It was also planned to show how easy it is for communist spies to obtain passports using aliases. This would be embarrassing to the State Department and high-level officials.

Your editor was called in by a Special Agent for the F.B.I. in the Los Angeles district about one month prior to the arrest of the Sokolovs. He identified two communists; one employed by the Defense Department, the other by the United Nations. A proper affidavit was filed with the F.B.I. He was then requested to let the F.B.I. know of his whereabouts at all times, because he could be asked to fly to Washington "most any time." The communists identified were Avrim Mezerick and Ben Baskin.

When the Sokolovs were arrested your editor was prepared to testify, if called. He was never summoned and then, of course, the case was abruptly dropped.

On Tuesday morning, November 3, 1964, your editor had a well-attended press conference at the Statler Sheraton Hotel in Los Angeles, where he revealed

the entire story. He witnessed the report sent out on teletype to the United and Associated Presses. Many television stations made video tapes and tape recordings of your editor's major expose. **NOT A SINGLE NEWSPAPER, TELEVISION OR RADIO PROGRAM CARRIED THIS EXTREMELY VITAL STORY.** Somebody killed it promptly. Who? Your editor does not know, but this must be an individual with much authority in Washington.

Why was the Sokolov case dismissed? Why was your editor's story stopped?

In a private report given to the Internal Security Committee, now probing the case, it is revealed that Deputy Under Secretary of State Llewellyn Thompson urgently pleaded that the government end its prosecution of the Sokolovs. His pleadings met with the approval of Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Reliable sources inside the Nation's Capitol report that the case was dropped because the State Department's "experts" on Soviet relations were fearful that prosecution of the Sokolovs would injure U.S.-Soviet relations and make it more difficult for U.S. officials to work in Russia.

U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Foy Kohler continues to send urgent messages to Secretary of State Dean Rusk to stop arrests and prosecutions of Soviet spies because they make it extremely difficult for his staff to work.

In the meantime, Soviet agents continue to work on our shores. Our staff in the Soviet Union continues to be under tight surveillance by Soviet secret police.

The F.B.I. is doing a tremendous job in gathering information and investigating Communism in the U.S., but it can go no further than to furnish this information to the Justice Department when a communist is arrested for the violation of a Federal Statute. And if a communist spy is arrested, and proceedings are started in the courts (as in the Sokolov and other cases), Secretary of State Dean Rusk has the power to have the case dismissed in the "interest of national security."

Why was your editor's expose suppressed? Because it could have re-opened the entire question of communist infiltration into the State Department. And who knows where that could lead. It is the policy of our State Department not to rock the boat of peaceful coexistence with Red Russia even at the expense of our internal and external security.

BROWN "RECALL" IN GEAR

Many ardent Demos, who campaigned for Pat Brown are fuming now as he lets them down along with the rest of us when he throws out his promises, one by one.

The half million dollar castle he is building for himself is tough enough to swallow, but the strongest plank in his platform was "No New Taxes," and that one really hurts. His promise not to take the raise, which was approved by the Legislature lies broken beside the others.

To a citizen whose take-home pay barely covers the essential every day expenses of life any raise in taxes is disturbing. Brown has announced *more* tax raises in 1965!

It has been reported that Pat Brown made a deal with Fred Hall to land a cushy spot for Dan Rose, longtime wheel-horse of the L. A. Demos, in the promotion of the Long Beach World's Fair. Tax supported positions are the usual payoff for political debts, in some circles. There seems to be *no limit* to the jobs available to Brown henchmen.

The California Department of the American Legion has requested that Governor Brown formally ask for the resignation of Tom Braden, president of the State Board of Education, because he was quoted in a national magazine as saying he was "opposed to . . . indoctrination in patriotism."

One recalls that Tom Braden was one of the committee who selected the former head of our teachers' training colleges, Buell Gallagher. (Gallagher was forced to finally resign after a spirited and successful campaign by *Heads Up* and other patriotic groups and publications.)

Gallagher, while at the City College in New York, stated, ". . . There is no question as to whether communists or those who sympathize with communism are free to express their opinions and prejudices on this campus. *They are free to speak and write.* But there still remains a question as to whether the *anti-communists* are also to be permitted to express themselves freely."

Brown's man, Braden, must have had knowledge of Gallagher's background of a multiplicity of left-wing activities when he recommended him to head the Board of Trustees of California.

A San Francisco attorney-at-law, John P. Doran, charges that Brown, in unison with others, abused his authority as At-

torney General, and invaded the jurisdiction of the courts and of the District Attorney of Contra Costa County in order to protect and rescue one Wm. B. Acton from prosecution for fraud. (Acton, the Deputy of Brown—when Brown was San Francisco District Attorney—was caught participating in another instance of fraud.)

Governor "Pat" Brown has shown a most disgusting lack of mental maturity on the degree of communist influence in the California Democratic Clubs, or he is deliberately, with knowledge, openly appeasing and collaborating with communists.

At a meeting of the directors of the California Democratic Council held immediately after the election in 1962 he stated, "I want to thank the C.D.C. They were just magnificent. They are my shock troops, my strong right arm, I could not have won without them." Then he proceeded and urged C.D.C. members to run for public office—school boards, city councils, etc., as a means of producing the "strength needed," and concluded by asking them *what they wanted in the form of legislation.*

As often pointed out in *Heads Up* and as testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the C.D.C. is thoroughly infiltrated by communists and they are the major controlling factor. Brown, therefore, knows who elected him, the communists of California. This accounts for the extreme left-wing type of legislation introduced in Sacramento.

In August of 1959, Brown appointed Norman Elkington to a San Francisco Superior Judgeship despite the fact that he was aware that Elkington was convicted in 1943 for "filing false records with the Federal Government." The Governor was in violation, therefore, of Article XX, Section II, when he appointed a man who plead guilty to a Federal charge. Such an appointment strikes at the foundation of Good Government. Judges make decisions which affect the lives of countless citizens. To appoint a convicted criminal to a Judgeship is also criminal. (United States of America vs. Elkington—Case No. 27934, 1943.) This violation alone is just cause for Brown's Recall.

In the 1958 gubernatorial elections it was discovered that \$792,607.49 was

contributed to the Brown campaign. Brown has steadfastly refused to reveal the identities of the major contributors. Why?

Brown has often spoken about "good government, free of clandestine financial pressures." Who are those whom the Governor serves because of "clandestine financial pressures?"

Per capita tax rates have skyrocketed to an all-time high during the Brown administration, despite the fact that the roving Governor, in his annual message on the budget, said, "I will call for tax reforms, *but no new taxes.*"

According to the California Chamber of Commerce, the state leads the nation in per capita taxes, at \$298.15. This figure bests the national average by \$85.84.

Perhaps we are lucky, "Pat" hasn't been able to figure a way to tax the air we breathe. . . yet! Don't give him the chance.

Citizens throughout the country were justifiably shocked at the Supreme Court ruling against prayer, but it is not as well known that "Pat" Brown, when he was Attorney General of the state, in 1955, prohibited the use of the Bible for religious purposes in the schools, and issued an order against prayers in the school programs.

Heads Up has continuously urged the Recall of Governor "Pat" Brown. A group of citizens have formed a new non-partisan organization, the Constitution Defense Committee. Its purpose is to enlighten the public and to let them know when politicians are in violation of the Constitution. The Committee is presenting the Recall Brown petition to the citizenry in the immediate future. It is awaiting the approval of California's Secretary of State, Jordon.

Heads Up fully supports this Committee of nine energetic young men, who know that California cannot stand two more years of left-wing entrenchment.

All readers of *Heads Up* are urged to form committees in their counties. Choose a chairman and notify the State office in Torrance, California at once.

Call Recall Rallies in your community. Speakers will be furnished by the committee. The editor of *Heads Up* will serve in this capacity whenever possible.

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Copies are also being furnished Detroit, San Francisco and San Diego for information and completion of their files.

Particular reference is made to PRUSSION's article which appears on Page 2 captioned "PRUSSION STORY ON 'SPY' SOKOLOV CENSORED," which is of some interest in connection with the case concerning ALEKSANDR SOKOLOV, his wife JOG ANN GABER BALICH, AVRIM MEZERICK and BEN BASKIN. This latter individual is the subject of Detroit file 100-32098.

As the Bureau, Detroit, and San Francisco are aware, PRUSSION was interviewed by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Division on May 24 and 27, 1964 and again on June 30, 1964, but the interview concerned only PRUSSION's former Communist Party membership and his recollection of BEN BASKIN and BASKIN's sister ETHEL.

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A Familiar Ring

STUDENTS TOO YOUNG to remember the days of "McCarthyism" got a small whiff of that era Friday afternoon when a former FBI counterspy rights. gave a speech in the UMC on Communism and civil rights.

Karl Prussian, who for 12 years lived an "I Led Three Lives" existence, demonstrated that the most adamant anti-Communist is the disenchanted former Communist. For two hours he lambasted the audience with the fact that the Communists had infiltrated Martin Luther King's organization and were using the civil rights movement to destroy the foundations of democracy in the United States.

He drove home his point with a vigor that has not been seen since the days Joe McCarthy enthralled the nation with his discovery that the U.S. government was over-flowing with Communists.

"Martin Luther King," Prussian said, "wittingly is receiving the support of more than 60 Communist front organizations and he is doing nothing to condemn them." Asked who these groups were, he brushed the question away and said he would be glad to supply the University with the list.

Prussian insisted that the only groups in the country that are effectively combating the Communists are ultra-right organizations such as the Young Americans for Freedom and the John Birch Society.

At the same time he said that liberal groups such as the Americans for Democratic Action, the American Civil Liberties Union and "Ivy tower" intellectuals were aiding and abetting the Communist party.

The capacity crowd greeted Prussian's remarks with a childish repulsion and spat back insults when he evaded or refused to answer their questions. The more indignant spectators walked out in protest.

Later he described the crowd as the most "left-wing oriented group of students" he had addressed in the United States.

The jeers, catcalls and laughs emitting from the crowd were not limited to the liberal sector, however; much of the conservative element found Prussian's brand of fear preaching, lack of facts and anti-intellectualism distasteful.

The lack of courtesy from the audience was appalling but at least it indicated that they were more interested in facts than vague generalization. It was a healthy state of affairs far removed from the dark days of the early 50s when McCarthy and friends convinced Americans that there was a Communist under every bed.

— TOM SCHANTZ

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Communists Can't Capitulate On Negro Problem, Ex-Spy Says

Communists have been unable to use subscription lists of Communist sympathizers and Negro problem as the basis for paper to address Negroes such America's worst problem - the States, Karl Prussian, erstwhile agent.

Prussian, who spoke on the Communist and FBI conflict, said that plans to raise the Negro problem against the small group of persons Saturday night.

At the same time he charged that Martin Luther King's approach and trouble had failed because "the most left-wing organizations are being run by the Communist Party." He said this attitude did not reflect the situation of Communists and Negroes in the United States.

Prussian, erstwhile agent, said that the Communist Party in the United States had been successful in attempting to use the Negro problem as the basis for paper to address Negroes such America's worst problem - the States, Karl Prussian, erstwhile agent.

At the same time Prussian indicated the "intellectuals" who "preach" that Communism is a philosophy, an ideology, a political party that should be organized and under control.

Other speakers were Martin Luther King Jr., William J. Weaver, secretary for the Communist Party, and others.

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Red Spy Says Red Power

BY DICK TERRY

The U.S. civil rights movement is being prey to the international communist conspiracy, a Denver P.O. speaking at a capacity audience in the UMC Forum tonight, Karl Prussian said. "The Communists are transforming the NAACP and other civil rights groups into militant organizations for their own purposes."

Martin Luther King willingly is receiving the support of more than 10 Communist front organizations and he is doing nothing to condemn them.

"We are approaching the day when the civil rights movement can destroy the U.S. system and King is accepting the support of those who seek to destroy it."

Prussian compared the activities of civil rights demonstrators with a quotation from Karl Marx that to gain their final objectives communists must participate in sit-ins and other demonstrations.

"The Communists are using the civil rights demonstrations to gain the support of those totally unaware of their purposes," Prussian said.

He named five alleged communists, including three professors, whom he had associated with in California cell meetings, who are leaders in the civil rights movement.

Prussian backed out of the room when he was playing students into the hands of the communists by attacking "Red Power."

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THE READ two quotations from Marx when he was sure students had "never heard in their political science classes."

A lengthy question and answer period was filled with shouts such as "You're an idiot," "this man is out of order," "besides he is not an American, he is an African," and "let's raise the flag."

Prussian evaded questions by students seeking to pin him down on the exact nature of the Communist activities in the civil rights movement.

After stating that a person could not obey both the state and federal civil rights laws, he refused to answer a question concerning which laws should be obeyed.

One in a group of four unidentified men shouted "This man is out of order" when Richard C. Johnson of the dean of arts and sciences office attempted to get Prussian to clarify his position.

One coed excused the conduct of an African student who walked out in disgust with "Besides he's not an American, he is an African."

THE STUDENT had sought a specific answer on what effective methods could be used in the civil rights movement besides demonstrations.

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Under Every Bed?

David Delcours

THE APPEARANCE OF Karl Prussian, and the reaction to his appearance on campus last Friday gives rise to the dilemma of how one goes about being anti-Communist without being anti-Communist.

Briefly stated the problem rests on the reality that nearly all Americans are anti-Communist, yet it has become un-American for Americans to be anti-Communist, or something like that.

This of course is a manifestation of the McCarthy era, a period most Americans would just as soon forget. It is tragic that many innocent Americans

had their names dragged through the mud.

WHAT IS equally unfortunate is that the entire concept of opposing an international movement hostile to the interests and traditions of this country became an activity in which no respected person would engage.

In fact, a review of the McCarthy era, from start to finish, shows beyond question that the biggest victim of McCarthyism was Senator McCarthy himself.

Before the Prussian lecture I talked with several persons who expressed the view that they were going to hear his talk because they knew it would be nothing more than a session in name-calling.

Some of these people had actually gone to the trouble to think up loaded questions for the purpose of demonstrating that Prussian was a mere witch hunter. I guess they figured that if the lecture was not sensational enough they would be able to live things up a bit.

Prussian's speech was not terribly profane, and was hardly sensationalistic. Essentially he said that Communism is bad, that there is Communist infiltration into the civil rights movement, and that that, in turn, is also bad.

The question is, was a little more explicit. A man, to make a point, has to make a point. It is not coherent to say that

Prussian an idiot. No doubt his manners were as sophisticated as his political views. From that point Prussian, obviously irritated did but a mediocre job of evading a lot of level-headed, pertinent questions.

IT IS RATHER obvious that sessions such as the one just described do nothing to formulate sensible thinking on the problem of Communism.

Americans should be aware of the internal Communist problem without resorting to alarmist behavior. They should try to seek an understanding of the problem as it exists.

To this end Americans should be willing to listen to speakers on the subject and to read articles, on the subject without prejudging them as being anti-Communist diatribe or accepting them as the gospel truth.

At the same time Americans should be very careful of irresponsible use of guilt by association. It is anyone's guess as to the number of votes Senator Goldwater lost because of the liberals' and Democrats' use of that very tactic.

The nation's intellectual leaders and political leaders should begin to form a much more rational attitude toward the subject of anti-Communism.

We have heard enough from those who maintain that there's a Communist under every bed and from those who deny the very existence of any sort of internal Communist problem.

Let's not squabble about this whole matter and demand that all sides present their credentials. The need is apparent and the time is now.

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FBI Finances U.S. Communist Party, Does Not Protect Anti-Negro Violence

Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prussion (sic), YAF:

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"—Robert F. LaFollette, Jr., twenty year veteran great senator from Wisconsin defeated by smears of Joe McCarthy in 1946.

LaFOLLETTE was right. Knowledge of the truth is the source of freedom. Seeking knowledge must not be subjected to the stop watch. The question evasion of Mr. Prussion (sic), aided by the silence by stopwatch technique of Mr. Nelson, presented a slow performance by Americans for "Freedom."

Today's FBI sources show the U.S. Communist Party has only 3,500 (not 40,000 as Prussion (sic) claims) dues-paying members. One sixth of these 3,500 are FBI agents, thus making the FBI the largest financial supporters of the U.S. Communist Party. Does the FBI finance the U.S. Communist Party to present a red menace where only a paper tiger exists?

In 1931 to save the public the expense of a trial, and to promote pacifism over justice, the FBI eagerly shot down a victim (John Dillinger) who had committed no federal offense except to drive a stolen car across state lines. The FBI eagerly now claims its role of justice by exhibiting the victim's death mask to full view of all tourists in the anteroom of Director John Edgar Hoover's office.

The Dillinger stage regeneration is not to be recorded in the history of the United States.

pat reliance of the Federal Government in guarding civil rights in the South.

Has John Edgar Hoover who triumphantly displays the phony Dillinger death mask ever issued one single word protesting police brutality, bombings and shootings of Negro victims in the South?

Has there ever been one full-year, full-fledged Negro Special Agent anywhere in the FBI?

IS THE FBI financing a red menace to stop Negro movements?

The possibility of racism in the FBI seems the preeminent question.

In the Tradition of LaFollette,
William T. Gray

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There are attached for the Bureau and Los Angeles newspaper clippings from the "Boulder Daily Camera," a newspaper published in Boulder, Colorado, and the "Colorado Daily," a daily newspaper published by the students of the University of Colorado (CU), Boulder.

These articles report on two speeches given by KARL PRUSSIAN, who described himself as an FBI counterspy, given at CU and before an audience in Boulder. The speech given at CU was on 2/26/65 and the speech in Boulder to a public audience was on 2/27/65.

Attention of the Bureau is called to the article appearing in the 3/2/65 issue of the "Colorado Daily," signed by [REDACTED] which contains misstatements regarding the FBI.

The records of CU reflect only one [REDACTED]. He is listed as [REDACTED] in the School of Arts and Sciences, residing at [REDACTED], Westminster, Colo. The records reflect [REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] and is the son of [REDACTED]. The father is listed as a [REDACTED] mother is listed as [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED].

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[redacted] graduated from [redacted] High School in [redacted] and was ranked sixth in a class of 287 students.

Records at CU reflect [redacted] is rated as a good student at CU. His high school principal [redacted] wrote to CU, in recommending [redacted] as follows: "This young man is interested in social issues."

The current Denver [redacted] directory reflects [redacted] employed by [redacted]

Indices of the Denver Office reflect no information regarding [redacted] his father or mother, [redacted]

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Enclosed to San Francisco and Los Angeles is one copy each of a Xerox copy of an "affidavit" subscribed and sworn before GEORGE E. SEARLES, Notary Public, on 9/28/63 by KARL PRUSSION.

It is noted the affidavit is explanatory in content.

On 4/30/65, [redacted]
[redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who operates a [redacted]
[redacted] telephonically advised that he obtained the aforementioned copy of an affidavit from [redacted]
[redacted] at Pennsylvania Avenue Christian Church, 1301 North Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, who informed that he had obtained the copy of the affidavit at Jackson Drug, 12th and North Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City on the morning of 4/30/65, from one [redacted]
[redacted] Oklahoma City. [redacted]
[redacted] resides at this address and operates the [redacted]
[redacted] of this address. [redacted]
[redacted] reported that [redacted] related that he met [redacted]
[redacted] at the drugstore where [redacted] usually has coffee and that in this instance [redacted] gave [redacted] a copy and [redacted] noted that [redacted] had additional copies of the above described affidavit in his possession.

This communication is directed to San Francisco inasmuch as the copy of the affidavit shows KARL PRUSSION resided at Los Altos, California, in 1958.

A copy of this communication is directed to Los Angeles, inasmuch as SAC Letter 62-29- dated 5/22/62 under a caption "Silent Guardians, Inc." reflects KARL PRUSSION was identified as an officer of that organization.

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It is noted [redacted] furnished a copy of the above mentioned affidavit to the Oklahoma City Division via U. S. Mail, same being received 5/3/65.

No further action is being taken in the matter by the Oklahoma City Division.

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Lancaster, Calif., 93534
Sept. 21, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
1340 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Could you please send me some information on Karl Prussian?

We have a very good tape of one of his speeches and also one of the booklets he has written. What we realize though is that friends do not know of his work with your organization and therefore do not necessarily believe what he says. Their attitude is "So what, who's Karl Prussian?"

A letter from you that we can show along with this tape would certainly serve as an excellent documentation that will make these people think twice.

Any cooperation you can give us will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]


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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
September 27, 1965

[Redacted]
Lancaster, California 93534

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of September 21, 1965.

In response to your question, Karl Prussian assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated for his services.

It should be noted, however, that he was not a Special Agent of the FBI.

Very truly yours,

WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (162-0)

DATE: 10/15/72

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

A male caller identifying himself as [REDACTED] son of subject, advised that his [REDACTED] mother died last night, and the caller wanted help in locating his father in order to tell him of the death. Caller stated that his father was a counter spy for the FBI for several years, and "left" the FBI several years ago. Caller resides at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] tel [REDACTED]

Caller was advised that the writer would check indices, and would call him back if it were possible to give him any information.

An indices check revealed several references to subject. Among the numerous references are the following: 62-5148-11(11/61); 62-5247-1 (2/62); 157-697-2 (11/63); 100-0-69617 (10/62); 134-1422; and 80-252-60 (3/64). The index card containing the last reference indicated that subject operated as a counterspy for the FBI for 12 years.

62-5247-1 is a newspaper clipping, stating that subject, an ex Communist party member, and informer for the FBI was going to make a speech.

Caller was advised by the writer that the FBI is unable to be of any aid to him. It was recommended that caller get in touch with Police Departments in the areas in which caller last knew his father to live, in attempt to locate him.

JLJ/me



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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: Los Angeles Field Division
February 27, 1959 Date

Title and Character of Case: KARL PRUSSIAN
Former SF - 1740 - S

Date Property Acquired: 2-26-59

Source From Which Property Acquired: Tom Duggan Show, KCOP - TV
Channel 13

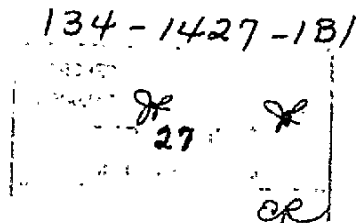
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Bulky exhibit room

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Reference, indefinitely retain.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Submitted by SA
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

1. One tape recording of the first forty-five minutes of the Tom
Show, Channel 13, KCOP - TV on 2/26/59.

Field File #: 134 - 1427 - 1B1



(Title) KARL PRUSSION(File No.) 134-1427*

1. Booklet entitled "California Dynasty of Communism" (10-5-62 cc)

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(Name of Special Agent)To Be Returned Yes ☐
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Description:

Booklet entitled
"California Dynasty
of Communism"

See Ser 134-1427-45

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HEADS UP — Vol. II, Nos. 1, 2 & 3

California
Way of
Communism
BY KARL PRUSSION
FORMER F.B.I. COUNTERSPY
WITHIN THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY



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Description:

Booklet - California Dynasty
of Communism.
by Karl Prussians.

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Date Received 5/12/65

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report <u>9/10/62</u> Date(s) of activity <u>9/10/62</u>
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The following is a transcription of the TOM DUGGAN SHOW of September 10, 1962. On this show the FBI counterspy, KARL PRUSSIAN, was interviewed, and the interview goes as follows:

Duggan: This, ladies and gentlemen - and it is a real pleasure to have him on my program - the last time I had him on he was wearing a mask - he had not yet surfaced from the Communist Party - and it is KARL PRUSSIAN. Karl, it is good to see you. (applause) You look fine. You look better without the mask. Karl was a member of the Communist Party for 26 years - and when during your tenure of the CP did you become an undercover agent?

Prussian: It was during my last 12 years within the conspiracy that I became a counterspy for the FBI.

D: How did that happen, Karl?

P: Well, I had been disillusioned with the Party after being an active Communist for four years, for many reason. I made five different attempts with five different governmental agencies to offer my services to my country and I was turned down in each instance because my record was a bad one as a Communist for four years. In 1947, when I lived in Carmel, I went to the Chief of Police and told him my story and things began to happen pertaining to Hollywood and I arranged to get with the FBI through the Chief of Police in the City of Carmel, and they accepted me as of 1947.

D: During this time when they weren't accepting you, were you still active in the Communist circles at that time - attending meetings and things of that sort?

P: Yes, I was in the Communist Party.

D: They had no indication that you were trying to break out?

P: No, I don't believe so.

D: During the 12 years that you were a counterspy, were there times when you were a suspect?

P: Well, there were many times that I was a suspect, and this is a continuous situation within the CP - they suspect each other, and this is a good situation that we Americans have within the CP - if they don't trust each other. As a matter of fact, when I appeared on your program with the mask, I came down here, I understood, to cover up for a counterspy in the L.A. area, because I understand they were about ready to catch up with him, so I came down here to throw suspicion on myself.

D: Then you did surface in 1960. How did it happen that you did? Was it at the instance of the FBI?

P: No, I had come to the conclusion after 12 years with the FBI as a counterspy that we were losing the fight against the Communists - we were losing the fight badly, and I recalled the National Convention of the CP held in Chicago in which the key note of the whole convention was as follows - and I quote:

"The Communists here in America are in a much better position on the road toward a Soviet America than were our Bolshevik brothers in 1917 after the first World War when they took the road. Now, Communists are liars and deceivers but when it comes to analyzing their own situation, they are practical people" - and this was true. We reached the position in this country where they were more influential, economically and socially than ever in their history - all through hidden identity, and I felt that I would like to testify before the HCUA and thereafter continue my work in the fight against Communism in the best manner I knew how.

D: When you decided to declare yourself..

P: Yes, I decided to declare myself.

D: What were your first actions - what did you do - contact the House Committee?

P: I first talked to the FBI and told them what my plans were - the same agent I had worked with continually for ten years..

D: What did he say?

P: Well, he warned me and of course I knew about his warnings, that if I were to surface I would be subject to possible physical attrition and certainly economic and social attrition, and I also knew - and we discussed it - that it was very possible that many good patriotic Americans would not accept me, and that I would have a pretty rough ride after I got out. I knew about this, of course, because I have seen it happen to other counter-spies when people surfaced for the House Committee, and I decided that, regardless, to get out because I believed the hour was getting late.

D: What contact did you have with the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

P: Well, I immediately contacted the HCUA and told them I would like to testify and I think it was principally on the basis of my volunteering to testify that they held the hearing in San Francisco.

D: Which caused the riots?

P: Well, I testified in San Francisco and witnessed the whole thing and the riots were principally held to stop my testimony before the Committee. It was partially successful. I had to finish my testimony in Washington in executive session.

- D: Was there any attempt to physically abuse you?
- P: No, there were no attempts to physically abuse me - there were invectives hurled at me and there were threats through the mail and by phone - these are a continuous process with the Communists, principally through left-wing elements and liberals, etc.
- D: Was the Committee pretty well aware when it came to San Francisco that this was going to happen?
- P: I think they were pretty well aware of it because I had told them and they knew that for two years prior, the Communist Party, through its infiltration tactics and through the various economic, political and social programs, had already begun to arouse a hatred for the ACLU long before it came here and the whole thing was very well planned and I recall during the hearing there was a little skuffle on a Thursday and Mr. Green asked me what I expected to happen thereafter, and I told him the Communists were going to try to disrupt the entire hearing to a provocation to violence, and my statement came out to be true. Not only that, but I told them that they wanted to provoke a violence for the purpose of arousing hatred and contempt and disrespect for our law enforcement agencies and that they would use the words "police state", "fascist state", "police brutality", and they would solicit the aid of ministers of the gospel, teachers and scholars to get into the fight against the ACLU and police brutality. This is an old technique of the Communist Party.
- D: Where did you live through all these years - in northern California area?
- P: I was in Ukiah for two years and for the last two years in Northern California, Santa Clara County.
- D: Did you see much of Mandel or Archie Brown?
- P: I didn't see much of Mandel or Brown - -
- D: Were you aware of their activities in the area?
- P: Yes, I was aware of their activities; however, I was told never to try to rise beyond the section committee of the CP. They wanted to keep me down on the grass roots.
- D: Does Milton Mandel have some radio programs up there or some kind?
- P: Yes, he has a radio program - he is quite a lecturer on many of our campuses and civic organizations throughout California and throughout the United States.
- D: The shots they showed of him at the Committee hearing when he said, "you are insane" to the Committee, I think that was probably as frightening a part of the whole ORKATION ABOLITION that I saw. With ARCHIE BROWN standing and pounding the rail didn't help any - telling the Committee to go home and get out of town, or whatever it was.

P: The most frightening part of the violence in San Francisco was the fact that there were so many students who, I believe, unwittingly, participated in the rioting, altho there were a number of students who have been identified as Communists or children of Communist parents - but it tended to brand the student body, generally, throughout our colleges as being left-wing - and this is wrong. Our student body, I don't believe, can generally be put in the bracket of left-wingism.

D: You know, it is a strange thing; I played golf with a young man last Saturday - he is from Santa Monica City College - I may have that wrong - but this class that he was in - this professor of the class gave them a point to work on. The point was Bertrand Russell's, "I would rather be led than lead". And he said that 28 out of the 30 members of that class go along with Bertrand Russell's "I would rather be led than lead". That only two, himself and a young lady, objected to that type of philosophy.

P: This just bears out my attitude about the situation- the effectiveness of the Communist Party is never known in the name of the CP; its effectiveness is known through the influence that they have among the professors, scholars and clergymen and the professional people who, many of them unwittingly and many of them wittingly, carry out the things that are necessary to attain the Communist objectives, the Communist needs for the hour, and as they attain these objectives, and they have been attaining them over the years, their work is facilitated in the United States and it also accelerates the day when they hope to seize power in our country.

D: In this area - Carmel and that area - was there a large cell meeting that you attended at that time?

P: I had not participated in the cell meetings as yet in Carmel; I had attended Communist front meetings and had participated in what were obviously meetings of all Communists but it wasn't until I moved to Santa Clara County that I was transferred from the City of Detroit to a cell in Mountain View, Calif. It was an official transfer that I had received from the Communist Party in Detroit.

D: Mountain View - so they had a cell there?

P: Yes, they had a cell in Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto, San Jose ...

D: Mountain View is dominated by sympathy of the Seventh Day Adventists - I wouldn't think they would have anything to do with Communism.

P: Well, they don't. I remember one time an attempt was made to penetrate the Seventh Day organizations through peace activities and I was assigned the job of visiting with the head of the Seventh Day organizations and he wouldn't buy it at all. I did what I could to keep him from buying it - I presented it - he didn't know I was a Communist or anything about me. It was on the subject of peace that we tried to get the Seventh Day Adventists involved.

D: Now, what about those meetings you would have there - would they be held at someone's home and how many of you would attend?

P: The meetings are held in homes and during the summer sometimes, on occasion, they would hold meetings in parks at isolated tables - it would appear much like a group of people having a good time, and they would very quietly conduct their meetings in the park.

D: Did they give you orders as to what to do?

P: Oh, yes - every member of the Communist Party has an assignment. He is a member of the NAACP, for example, and also the unions - he is a member of the Committee on Racial Equality; he is a member of the Council for Civic Unity; he is a member of the P.T.A. One Communist can be a member of a multitude of organizations that he is assigned to work in.

D: And he is supposed to be a disruptive influence in these..?

P: No, the job of the Communist is not to disrupt; it is the job of the Communist to lead these organizations along the channels of Communist objectives which they try to attain, and they have been doing this very successfully.

D: The NAACP - with all the racial troubles that we are having now - how far and how deeply and effectively have the Communists penetrated into that Organization?

P: Well, the last meeting that I attended pertaining to the NAACP was a section committee meeting held in 1960 in the City of San Jose. A Section Committee is a meeting of all of the cells in the County - they send delegates to the Section. At the Sections you have such leaders as Mickey Lima or, at that time, Schneiderman, who would give the directives to all those who are assembled, and the subject of the NAACP was taken up and it was decided at that time, through the influence of one ED BECK, who today is Secretary of the NAACP in south Mateo County - he is a member of the Committee of Racial Equality and participates in freedom rider campaigns - they decided it was about time that the Communists within the NAACP would make the NAACP more militant and would act for the rights of the Negro people. The purpose being, of course, not a genuine concern about the colored people, but to utilize the issues that confront the Negro people for the purpose of projecting a violence that could throw our Nation into civil strife. This was the purpose of the freedom riders campaign, the sit-ins and all these activities that are taking place.

D: The Negroes, as an ethnic group, have never particularly endorsed Communism; they haven't taken it as a political philosophy to any great extent, have they?

P: No, they haven't - but most Americans do not take the Communist philosophy as part of their belief. The danger of the whole thing is that people are lead into various activities by the Communists and they unwittingly carry out the Communist objectives, Communist front organizations, and principally the organizations which the Communists have infiltrated. For example, California Democratic Clubs thoroughly infiltrated and saturated and controlled and organized by the Communist Party.

D: Great heavens, you don't say?

P: Well, I don't think you should be surprised. I'll tell you a man who should know more about this than anybody else and that is Stanley MOSK, our Attorney General - it is his job to preserve the security of the State and I think he knows quite a bit about Communism in the California Democratic Council and in politics in California - he should do something about this.

D: When you say the CDC, are you referring to the chapters that you are aware of?

P: I can only talk about what I am aware of but I do know that the program of the CP was similar throughout California just as it was in Santa Clara County.

D: And you are familiar with the CDC in Santa Clara County?

P: Oh, yes.

D: And it was infiltrated or is infiltrated by the Communists?

P: Well, it was and is - the CP will either continue to control the California Democratic Clubs and try to influence California Democratic Party policy, and if they can't do that they will break up the CDC and they will form another political movement just like they did with the INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY when it was exposed as a political instrument of the Communist Party.

D: Did you testify on anything concerning the CDC before the HCUA?

P: Yes, I did.

D: Well, it is dominated by the Democrats - the chairman of the Committee, Francis Walter, is a Democrat; one of the leading Democrats - didn't he object to this?

P: No, there was no objection - it is merely understood that the Communists infiltrate not only the organizations of the Democratic Party but also of the Republican Party - it depends on the situation and what State they are operating in.

D: Do you feel then that the Communists to any degree influence the state-wide policies of the C.D.C.?

- P: Not only do they influence, I think they form the state-wide policies - I know they form the state-wide policies of the C.D.C. The story goes like this...
- Q: Great heavens! You don't say? (laughter) I have been having a little trouble with the C.D.C. - go ahead...
- P: Let's remember this, Ion, everything I talk about is based on fact, documentation and experience; it is irrefutable truth - my facts and experience and documentation cannot be refuted. I believe my conclusions and deductions can be argued about but not the facts. Now, here is briefly what happened... In 1953 I attended a political commission meeting of the JP of Santa Clara County. There were delegates from all the cells from the CP of Santa Clara County working in politics. Now, at this meeting was, of course, Mickey Lima, Schneideman, and a woman by the name of LOUISE MOSS, who was the head of the political commission of the JP in northern California - and at this meeting all Communists were instructed to leave the PUBLIC AND PROGRESSIVE PARTY because this party was exposed as a Communist front organization, and they were ordered to take with them all liberals, socialists, and anybody they could trust, and to get into the CDC, and where there was no CDC, to form them themselves.
- Now, the interesting thing is that in 1952 when this meeting was held there were no California Democratic Clubs and the Communist Party knew beforehand that these clubs would be formed. The father of the California Democratic Club is our State Controller, Alan Cranston, and I have every reason to believe - through conversations, cell meetings and section meetings, that Alan Cranston may have unwittingly given this information to such men as Communist ED MOSS, a leader in the CDC and a long-time member of the CP, ALLEN ISAACSON, the Communist who ran for the assembly in that particular district, and the Communists were well prepared and by 1954 they ran their last token candidates for the JP and in 1956 they were very well entrenched and controlled the CDC's, for example.
- Q: Alan Cranston - was he a familiar of this ED MOSS you speak of, and Isaacson?
- P: Well, I recall a meeting that was arranged at a Communist cell meeting by one PETER EAGLE, who was identified a Communist before the KGBA - a meeting was arranged by Peter Eagle with Alan Cranston - so he could meet with Allen Isaacson to discuss the support that Mr. Cranston could give Mr. Isaacson when he was running for the assembly.
- Q: Did Cranston have any idea of Isaacson's background as a Communist?
- P: I don't know.
- Q: Was Isaacson a well known left-winger?
- P: He was considered a well known left-winger but he was not known as a Communist until I identified him. But Isaacson returned to another cell meeting and told us that he had met with Mr. Cranston, so you do have at least a strong association between our State Controller and the Communists, whether he knows it or not.

D: And you feel STANLEY MOSK has about the same area of contact with these people, or what? You mentioned that he knows a lot about ...

P: Stanley Mosk, I believe, is strictly a political opportunist, a charlatan in politics and he ...

D: He has a perfect right to come aboard and contest that description of himself.

P: Of course he has, but Stanley Mosk, for example, had an opportunity to prosecute one Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, ISABEL SIEROTY and ALLEN ISAACSON because they ran for public office and they perjured themselves when they filed to run for office because they had to take an oath. Stanley Mosk was aware of this - he knew about these people - he was notified about it and yet he took no action, stating in his letter that cases of this sort are not usually handled on a State level, even though this was a state offense.

D: This Holland Roberts - didn't he run for State Superintendent?

P: Yes, and he received over 400,000 votes. Allen Isaacson ran for assembly and Isabel Sieroty ran for congress.

D: And they took some kind of an oath at the time they filed their candidacy?

P: Yes, it is one of the election codes that we have. They took the oath...

D: Was it brought to Mosk's attention?

P: Well, this has been his attitude about Communists throughout - for example ...

D: Well, when Roberts ran, then Mosk would have been running for Attorney General and so actually it would have been within the province of a previous Attorney General.

P: But this wasn't called to their attention until after Mosk was elected, you see. When Mosk was elected it was called to his attention.

D: The previous Atty. General was Pat Brown - that's what I was trying to get across...

P: Yes, but it was during the election period. I will go along with you there. But the story on Stanley Mosk - for example, there were 107 teachers subpoenaed by the HCUA and every one of these teachers had been thoroughly and truly identified as members of the Communist Party. Mr. Mosk received all this information when the HCUA agreed to turn this information over to Mosk, and he was to act upon it. Well, Mosk turned over all the information to different school boards and advised them not to do anything about it because the testimony and the evidence that the HCUA presented, in effect, was of no particular value - so you have 107 teachers, all of whom are identified Communists, teaching in schools today.

P: (Continuing) Now, there are SIX of them who have admitted that they are Communists and nothing has been done about them. So Stanley MOSK is not carrying out his job of preserving the security of the State, because he is totally ignoring the Communist menace in our State.

D: Karl, I have a quote here from Don Jackson, a show of yesterday, in which he is talking about your testimony before the HCUA, and he quotes you about what we discussed a moment ago about the setting up of the local Democratic Councils and which says,

"Annually, delegates from some of the Democratic Clubs and other official party bodies"...and this is a direct quote from your testimony ..." which have affiliated themselves with the CDC, meet in a state-wide California Democratic Convention. The convention serves as the Communist state-wide political transmission belt insofar as they have been able to capture or dominate these councils and also the selections of the club's delegates to the convention. Hence, it was that on February 12-13-14, 1960, when the California Democratic Club sent delegates to the annual convention of the California Democratic Council in Fresno, some of the resolutions that were passed were indeed a great victory for and a stimulant to the Communist conspiracy and its general strategy and tactics, preparing the Nation, through parliamentary methods, for the forth coming seizure of power by the Communist Party." That is your direct quote?

P: Yes, that is my direct quote.

D: Well, tell me something - when you came out of the Communist Party - what is your reaction now to the general scheme of things - the political diversities of our community, etc.?

P: Well, when I first surfaced I was very discouraged; I felt that we had practically lost in the fight against Communism. I had to move five times in a year and a half, due to the efforts of the Communist Party, using the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION as their instrument. I was villified in the community with headlines and rumours - all of them not true - and I was so discouraged that I was prepared to change my name and move out of the community and settle elsewhere and forget about it, and this is exactly what the Communists would have liked to have me do. But something happened sort of quickly; you had an up-surge of patriotism in the United States. You had the development of many good leaders, even tho these leaders are being villified; and attempts being made to destroy their characters - they are building practical organizations - orderly sensible, controlled organizations which are fighting Communism in an intelligent manner. I recall the beginning of the initiative petition, for example, PROPOSITION 24 - when three young men got together and decided to fight Communism through the initiative petition, and without any money at all they managed to get enough signatures to put the anti-Communist petition on the ballot and I, at the time, thought they couldn't do it, but I felt it was a good media through which people could be educated and organized in the fight against Communism.

- P: Continuing) Now, fortunately, it is on the ballot and I think this is one of the greatest things that has happened in the U.S.
- D: You say these organizations are formed, Earl - what organizations to you have in mind.
- P: Very frankly, the work that Dr. Schwartz has done, for example, has had a wonderful effect; it has been very educational. I think the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is one of the greatest things that has happened to our country, because I know, personally, why we were losing the fight. We were losing the fight because never in the history of our country has there been any organization of the citizenry to combat Communism, and if we are not organized to combat the Communists in an orderly manner, we can't beat them.
- D: The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have done a pretty effective job..
- P: That is principally educational and has been done mostly by resolutions. You can know about Communism - all its tactics and its strategies-until it is coming out of your ears, but if you don't do something in the area in which Communists work (fades out) ...I don't know the man, I don't know too much about the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY - I have spoken at many of their chapter meetings; they invite me - and I would talk to JDC meetings if they would invite me, and I have, incidentally.

I have a great respect for Mr. WELCH and I'll tell you why. I came to the conclusion that the best way to combat Communism, after 26 years of experience, is to organize the citizenry and teach them about Communism - to make them acutely aware of the objectives of the Communist Party and to teach them how to effectively combat them, in the PTA, for example, in our Trade Unions, and in our political parties. We have never had such an organization in the United States. Here comes along Mr. WELCH - without ever consulting with me or never having been in the CP, and came almost to the identical conclusions that I have - that you have to combat Communism at its grass roots wherever they operate, and he understood the need for organization for the first time in the history of our country - so I have to respect the man.

- D: Do you think that a man can be an effective leader of an effective organization who comes to the sacrilegious conclusions that he does concerning former presidents of the United States, high officials in the United States government, dedicated Americans whose lives have been - say - well, they have lived in glass houses all of their lives?
- P: Well, I will have to explain this a little. I take this position, Tom - I take the position that the entire threat to America has always been, and still is, from within. There is none of it from without. Now, this sounds like a ridiculous statement. I will come back to Mr. Welch later. But you have to remember that we recognized the Soviet Union in 1933 under the Roosevelt administration and, in the agreement, the solemn agreement that they made with us, they agreed that they would not participate in subversive activities, as part of the agreement, in the United States.

P: Continuing -

Three months after we made the agreement, the solemn agreement, the COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL made the following statement, and I quote:

"The Soviet Union has agreed not to participate in subversive activities in the United States, but the COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL HAS NOT" ...AND WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET UNION!

D: Well, of course, hindsight is a magnificent thing on the part of you and each or anybody else, but in 1933 we had entered into the most desperate depression in the history of this country. The recognition of Russia has proven itself to have been a mistake on our part but, at that time, Russia was not the monster it is today; militarily it was weak, economically it was weak. The United States was in a terrible depression that lasted almost another seven or eight years. Roosevelt's recognition of Russia permitted an open interchange of trade, so the consequence was a step toward trying to lessen the economic load of this country--so, all those things were a part and parcel in the decision to recognize this country. We made a monster out of it in World War II - it wasn't a monster then. Before that, during the 1920's we were bothered by the anarchists, we were bothered by the I.W.W., etc. We were able to contain those people, so I can't see why everyone expects that during 1933 Franklin Roosevelt should have recognized that in 1953 Russia was going to be the equal of the United States in military power.

P: I think the recognition of the Soviet Union, especially after they broke their solemn agreement with us, was a terrible blunder. In the first place, regardless of our economic recession or depression at that time, it was morally wrong to recognize a nation that was an atheistic nation and which we knew was a nation that didn't believe in agreements - we knew it was a nation that was dedicated to the destruction of the free enterprise system...

D: The nation, at the time, Earl, as you know, was only 12 or 13 years old. It was a nation that had come from the depths of the worst type of depression under the Czars. Here was a nation that was "abhorning" really. How could anyone - Roosevelt or anyone else - predict what a tremendous Goliath this country was to become.

P: It became a tremendous Goliath because we recognized the Soviet Union and helped it become the Goliath that it is.

D: I don't think that we are all responsible for it....

P: Well, let's go to the next point - I want to bring back the point-- Now, it is my opinion that the recognition of the Soviet Union took place even after they broke their agreement because the left-wing movement was extremely influential in the U.S. during that period and they effectively were able to influence the administration, not only to recognize but to continue recognition.

P: Continuing -

Now, let's go to another point - to show where the conspiracy is from within. After World War II, our president, Harry Truman, as you know, met with Joseph Stalin and formed the Potsdam Agreement, in which we agreed to hand them, on a platter, really, all of Eastern Europe, and Stalin agreed at that time that there would be free and democratic elections in all these countries - this was the agreement, a moral agreement that we made with the Soviet Union. Truman returned to the U.S. after he played the Missouri Waltz for Stalin, and he said, "Joe Stalin is a good guy, after all, and we are now entering into a period of peaceful coexistence and cooperation with our great ally, the Soviet Union", and you know what happened.

Immediately thereafter in all these countries-very few of them Communist - in the right places and at the right time, with coalition governments, with social Democrats, they seized power with the threat of the Red army on their borders, and they did not have democratic elections in these countries - and we continue to have amiable relations with the Soviet Union.

D: Harry Truman, of course, followed the traditional diplomatic policies of recognizing a great country's spheres of influence. Russia, for all practical purposes, recognized our spheres of influence at this time, through Canada, Latin America, and places like that - so we had to recognize that Eastern Europe was within the Russian sphere of influence.

P: But once again they broke their agreement - they had no democratic elections in any of these countries. They seized power and they are all living under Russian tyranny today. Now we are going further - let's go to Cuba..the same thing happened all over again.

After Castro seized power in Cuba he came to the United States; he was welcomed as a George Washington, he was lavishly entertained, and before he went back to Cuba he made the promise that within six months there would be free and democratic elections in Cuba, and we bit on that one, too, and there were no free and democratic elections there - they did away with the judiciary, they persecuted the Churches...

D: I grant you we have had a series of great losses, but I still don't think you have proven anything with the Potsdam Agreement. You also have Truman eradicating Communism from Greece; you have Truman fighting it there - you have Truman ordering the troops into Korea to stop the Communists there - we still have South Korea free. We have Truman (unintelligible) ..where Truman might have been wrong at Potsdam. He wasn't wrong in Greece or Korea.

P: Now, just a minute, Tom. We have Poland, the Ukraine, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany, Albania - all of these countries were given to them on a platter and here we talk about Greece and something about the Juez.

- D: You've got to remember, Karl, that Poland is Eastern Europe - Poland is not on the Mediterranean where Greece is, and it is our policy to control the westernand we are going to fight for it in case Russia tries to move against it. I don't see how we could possibly fight for Poland - we are not physically in a position to do it.
- P: We should have held Russia to its solemn agreement that they would have free and democratic elections in Eastern Germany - in Poland...
- D: But this is their sphere of influence. If we are going to force them to do that, that means we have to go for total war. Now this is the policy of that great nation's sphere of influence and it is a tragic thing that these people are under that, but can we ask that 200 million people of this country go into total war to free this sphere of influence area?
- P: It is a matter of opinion whether there would be a total war. If we had acted on time - in the right place and at the right time and under the right conditions, and we could have, we could have saved all of Eastern Europe and we could have saved Cuba. There is a chance of saving South America if we act properly now. What I am trying to point out is that our history, ever since the recognition of the Soviet Union, has been one of appeasement and....
- D: Yes, it has been a murderous losing streak, but can we call the people that were involved..can we call them traitors?
(both speak at once)
- P: I don't call them traitors.
- D: (interruptions)....Eisenhower - he was called a Communist agent...
- P: I don't call them traitors...
- D: But Bob Welch does.
- P: Well, that is his privilege; if he wants to call them traitors. I will say this; these were stupid, diplomatic blunders. I want to tell you something, Tom. When I was in the Communist Party - every time the Communists had a victory and the Soviet Union made great gains, I had to live through the humiliation of watching the joy, the jubilation and the parties and the gaiety which took place within the CP whenever these things happened, and these were great victories for the CP throughout the whole world and the United States, and it is my opinion that as far as the free enterprise system and our American way of life is concerned, there is no sphere of influence for the Soviet Union - I think we should work for a sphere of influence throughout the entire world for our American way of life. There should be no sphere of influence for a government such as the Soviet Union, where people are forced to live by bread alone, with no right to worship as they want.
- D: I don't like the position that the Hungarians and people like that are in but, at the same time, we have a sphere of influence here - we are not exerting ourselves the way we should. I am sure that if we moved against Cuba tomorrow, Russia would completely understand what we were doing. This, I am sure, would penetrate Khrushchev's mind, along with everyone else. This is self protection. We would have to do it. Or if we moved in South America in any way. And while we can bemoan the fact that Hungarians and Poles

- D: Continuing:
are in the position they are in - they do live in the shadow of the Goliath.
- P: Well, it is my opinion, thru my experience in the Communist Party, that the most logical thing for the United States to do right now is break off economic and diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and all their satellite countries. They are in dire straits right now and this is the time to do it instead of pouring money into satellite countries to help them. I think if we were to do this we would have repercussions in Hungary and East Germany. I think these people would begin to respect America rather than disrespect us like the left-wingers would have us believe. The South Americans would respect us for this and I think the United States should gather around itself on these countries that are still free and take our American initiative, our American incentive, and utilize this for the development of the free enterprise system in these backward countries. And I think this easier to do not than it was for our forefathers when they came to the United States and started plowing the soil and felling the trees. I think if we don't do this, we might have war. I think this is a peaceful measure that we could take, because if we continue this peaceful coexistence, the Communists will carry out the Leninist tactics of colonial uprisings and liberation movements all over the world, and somewhere along this line, if they carry out this policy and take the leadership, we could be involved in a war. I would say if we break off relations with the Soviet Union it would help peace, and it would certainly...
- D: Well, any forward step that would be taken, such as an economic boycott of the Soviet Union and the satellite countries, the withdrawal of diplomatic relations, is fine..but what I don't see - in this movement toward the act of combating Russian influence in the world, I don't want to see this as a complete disciplinary period where the leaders of this country, through any mistakes they have made through the luck of history, I don't want to see them all smeared and defamed by these groups. I don't think it can be done that way...to walk over the corpses of the Nation's heroes in order to defeat the Russians.
- P: This is true, but historically these things have happened; they have hurt America, they have hurt the world and it has to be changed. It has to be changed or we will lose all of the world and we will be within the Soviet orbit ourselves...
- D: I don't see any use in quarreling; of course we are not quarreling, but I just can't understand Robert Welch and I can't understand the JOHN BISHOP SOCIETY.
- P: I admire Mr. Welch because he came to the same deductions that I came to. After all the years I had been in the Communist Party, here is a man who had the foresight to understand what the problems are, and I think he made the correct analysis as to what to do about the situation. I think that is the important thing.

- P: (Continuing) The organization, the mechanism that he has created in the United States..it is a great organization and I have talked at many of their meetings and I find they are intelligent people...
- D: They are intelligent people in everything but Robert Welch. I cannot admire a man who would call anyone like Dwight David Eisenhower a dedicated agent of the Communist conspiracy. I happen to think that the man is the world's greatest fat head.
- P: Well, as I say, I think the man is building an organization which is a credit to the United States and really, Tom, I think if it weren't for such organizations as the John Birch Society and other organizations, the United States would be in a much more critical condition today than it is. I think much of the activities in Congress that is beginning to put a damper on a lot of the hair-brained ideas they have there is due principally to the activities of concerted organizations in our country. And this is growing, and it is a good thing as long as it is an orderly, well-organized, intelligent operation, and that is what it is. I was surprised in meeting members of the John Birch Society; these "little old ladies in tennis shoes" as described by our Attorney General ROSEN turned out to be very active, intelligent, bright women who can put some of our young people to shame when it comes to politics and, in the main, members of the JBS are young people, from 25 years to about 40, and they are to be admired and not to be condemned for the wonderful work they are doing.
- D: But they say that Eisenhower is a conscious, dedicated agent to the Communist conspiracy - they are fat heads, too.
- P: They don't say that, Tom - this is Mr. Welch's personal opinion back in 1954.
- D: He has never publically changed it.
- P: This is a personality that we are dealing with and if he doesn't want to change his opinion maybe he still feels that way. I don't know the man; I don't know anything about him only what I have read. You probably know more than I do about him.
- D: I think his organization is fine; I like any organization that combats Communism, but I don't assailing of reputations...
- P: Then let's stick to the John Birch Society as an organization. I am willing to overlook the statements he made in a personal letter to a friend pertaining to....
- D: Personal letter! Really! (laughter)
- P: Well, that's what it was. (more laughter)
- D: This is a booklet that Karl has out - it is 50¢ and I think it might be wise for you to get a copy of it- there is a lot of information in it. "THE JBS" This is not the California Democratic Council; it is the CALIFORNIA DEFENSE OF COMMUNISM by Karl Prussian, former FBI counterespionage within the Communist Conspiracy. Write to

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D: You should get several copies to pass around to your friends, if you have any. Karl is going to leave me a copy of it and I am anxious to read it.

Anyway, Karl, we will talk about this some other time - will you be back again soon?

E: I will be back again shortly.

D: I would like to have you on again in a few weeks, the next time you are down thru this area and we can discuss some of the other things. We didn't get through much but we got sidetracked on the John Birch Society.

P: I am very glad we talked about the JBS because I think this is an organization that means well and is doing the best thing it can for our country, and I think they are going to succeed; I think they will be very instrumental in helping save America.

D: Well, I hope some day Robert Welch will apologize to Dwight Eisenhower. Here is a bottle of "...." champagne for you. It was good to see you.

E: Well, you mail that to Stanley Mosk; I think he will need it - I don't drink.

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